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Mason's 'O.K' the cold meat Sauce

£1500 'BULLETS' PRIZE CLOSING WEEK

1000 Prizes for CROSS-WORDS

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by The Rt. Hon. JOHN WHEATLEY M.P.

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MANSFIELD.—Mrs. S. J. WOOLLEY, 20, Beresford Street.
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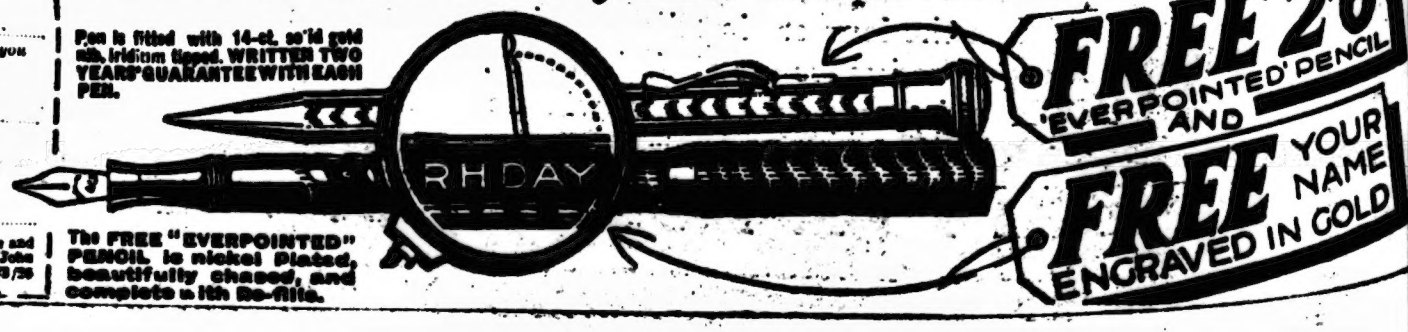

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From Photo of Miss Mary Little.

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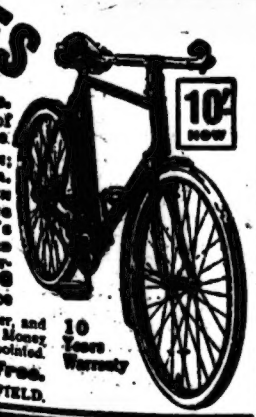

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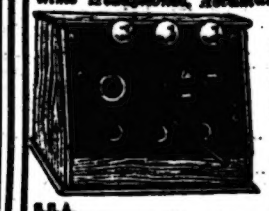

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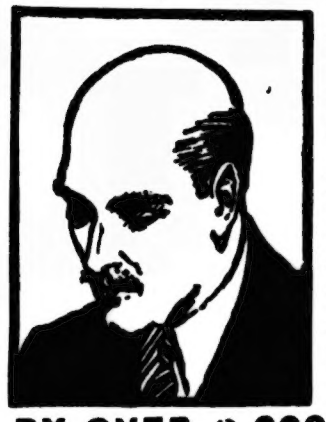

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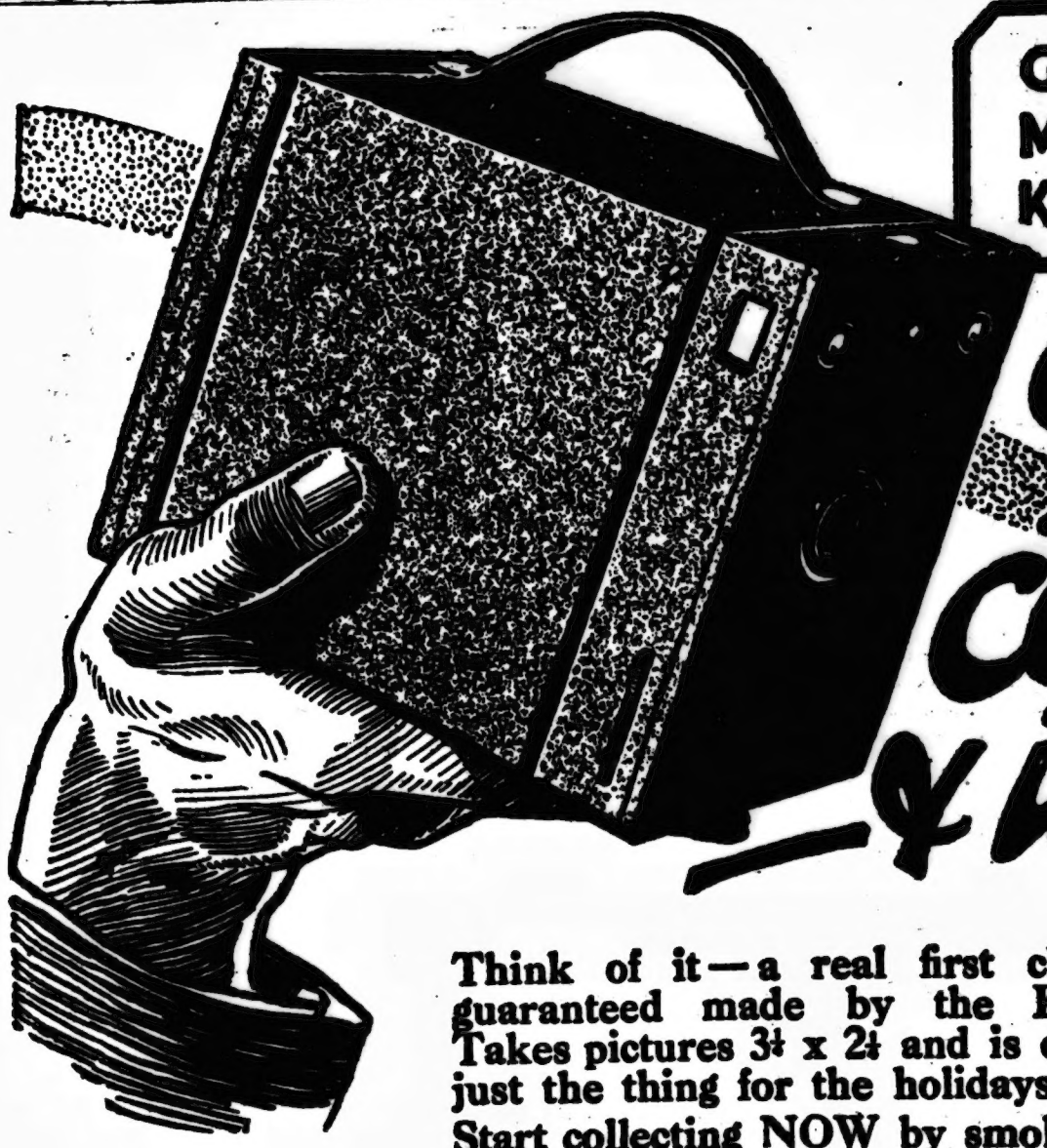

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The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

The Tory Split.

There is no grounds for the popular idea that there is serious dissension in the Tory Camp over the trade union political levy. The Party Whips have the whip hand all right.

Sounding the Depths.

Mr. Baldwin has now over-persuaded the Cabinet, with the sturdy support of Mr. Churchill. The MacQuisten bill will have no Government backing. Perhaps the whole agitation was intended to be a feeler!

A Hopeful Sign.

Last week's Exchequer returns showed receipts of £28,177,219, against an expenditure of £12,827,251. This reduces the deficit to £21,065,970. Our monetary situation is not beyond hope so long as the Government sees to it that none is squandered.

A Reduction.

While unemployment figures are larger than for the corresponding period of last year, there has been a decrease of 3,159 during this last week. We may look for this reduction to continue. Trade will revive as spring advances.

Protect the Youngsters.

Do the people who are clamouring for a reduction in the cost of education realise that it is the quickest way to turn England Bolshevist in a generation? Alienate the teachers and revolution will be taught with the alphabet.

An Overworked Word.

Internal dissensions in the ranks of Labour are rife. From every Labour platform the word "solidarity" is heard with wearisome reiteration. There is very little of it among those returned to Parliament to lead the way.

Pie-Crust Promises?

Girls of twenty-one are to be enfranchised within the lifetime of the present Parliament. But there is no virtue in "shoving masses of undiluted ignorance through a ballot-box." What is needed is political education of both sexes.

John's Bull's Pocket.

The public is being invited to express its opinion on the desirability of a return to the gold standard. A free gold market implies that debts contracted when the sovereign stood at thirteen shillings will be repaid when it equals twenty. That's the snag.

A Patriot.

The return of Caillaux to public life will mean the entire reorganisation of France's financial policy. He looks at the Reparations problem as a European, not merely as a Frenchman.

Dollars or Duty?

Another massacre of the Armenians is threatened by the latest Turkish turmoil. To prevent it America will have to refuse its promised loan to Turkey. Which will win—dollars or duty?

The Prince's Tour.

Attempts to Americanise Canada and Australia proceed apace. How many people know that our own efforts to promote friendly relations with the South American republics are a reply to astute moves on the part of U.S.A.?

Philanthropic Sam.

Hundreds of thousands of pounds have been invested by Americans in Russia. While the European Powers were wrangling the Yankees held their peace and filled their pockets!

Bricks of Another Colour.

Last year 85,042,000 bricks were imported from France and Belgium. They could all have been produced in this country. It's the will that's wanting.

The Truth in a Nutshell.

If building operatives are not prepared to accept payment by results they may have to accept some form of dilution. There are limits beyond which even public patience snaps.

Hearty Congratulations.

The British Legion is to consider the formation of a building and property society to build "homes for heroes." A pointed illustration of the truth that those who want help must help themselves. It should shame the Government.

IMPORTANT.

THE old-established Sunday newspaper, *The People*, is being taken over by a new company, controlled by Odhams Press Ltd., the proprietors of JOHN BULL. THE PEOPLE will be considerably enlarged and widened in scope, and many new and absorbing features will be added. *It will be the best Sunday newspaper published.* Be sure to get your copy next Sunday. Further particulars will be found on pages 6 and 7.

Quite Right Too.

M.P.s of more than one Party are striving to obtain powers for local authorities to prevent destruction of usable dwelling-houses. It is a scandal that any large house should be demolished if it is convertible into flats.

The Bread Ramp.

Some bakers are charging tenpence the four-pound loaf, others evade the boycott of the millers by charging ninepence-halfpenny and giving a three-farthing discount. Government action must end the muddle.

Our Opinion.

Socialist M.P.s raising the question of the futility of prolonging the Food Commission are using language none too strong. Public patience is vanishing.

A Good Idea.

The Food Commission is too polite. It is not the modern way to say bluntly to a witness, "You are a liar." The income-tax authorities might supply the information denied us by these profiteering gentry. Why not apply for it?

Living on Losses.

Since the evidence given before the Food Commission clearly shows the philanthropic nature of most businesses it is interesting to hear that certain retail stores are able to show respectively profits of £1,000 and £2,000 per day. Consumers are now asking which are the losing days?

The Only Way.

Earnest supporters of the terrific increase in the Air Force estimates justify it by urging Great Britain's dependence on overseas food-supplies. If the homeland was unlocked to would-be cultivators the menace could be reduced.

Final Notice.

Isn't it time that "final notice" was given to some of the people who waste the public's money? The annual report of the Auditor-General reveals a carelessness on the part of public servants that would place private individuals in the dock.

As We Sow——

Last year 49,245 Army recruits were rejected as unfit. Bad housing, unemployment and adulterated food do more than bring physical unfitness. From them is born the spirit of revolution before which great nations fall.

Conquering Heroines?

Latest Census returns show not a single industry in which no women are employed. In many trades they outnumber men while thousands of the latter are unemployed—the direct road to a C3 nation. Equal pay for equal work is the remedy.

It is Unsuitable.

Foundries and furnace works can provide eye-openers as to the extent of female displacement of male labour in heavy trades. To object is not anti-feminism. It is humanity and commonsense.

Problems of Life

Social Judgment

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

A FRIEND sat talking to me yesterday outside a church in France while we waited for the boat train to take us towards old England.

We watched people going in and kneeling in the appointed places to make their confessions to the priest.

"There is something in that system that answers to a human need," remarked my companion; "but how must the man feel who knows all the bad secrets of all the persons he has to meet in daily intercourse?"

The thought behind the question was that this kind of intimate personal knowledge would make its possessor think less of his fellow creatures, but that is not necessarily so.

I have noticed during my thirty years' experience in the Christian ministry that anything I have heard about a man has never altered my opinion of him one way or another.

IT is the man himself who produces the impression of his character that remains in one's mind, not what one is told about him, whether creditable or the reverse.

What you say matters not, said Emerson: what you are thunders so loudly in my ears that I cannot hear what you say.

On the whole this is true of the world's judgments also.

What a man is makes itself felt in any community, large or small, and what he has done influences the verdict less than might be supposed.

What he has done for good or ill calls forth the theoretical judgment of his worth, but the practical judgment is another thing.

We know when a man is a decent fellow whatever his record may be.

His record gives him his status, but his real self creates the actual esteem in which he is held.

I do not recollect ever in my life thinking less of a man because of some slip he had made in the past; and I believe most people are the same, so far at least as the intimacies of life are concerned.

The world can be very cruel, very merciless, very prejudiced in its treatment of transgressors of its social standards, and no one would be wise to strip himself bare before it; but in the long run the love and respect that any person receives from his own particular circle is what he deserves.

His outward history has less to do with this result than the self-revelation he is unconsciously making day by day.

**** Many of Dr. Campbell's previous articles have been published in book form under the title of "A Book of Homely Wisdom" (5s. John Lane).*

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Gilbertian!

The income-tax commissioners maintain that however illegal a man's business may be, he must make the usual returns for assessment. For placing the cart before the horse this is a record.

Education by Whip.

A storm is raging round the question of corporal punishment in schools. Our view remains unshaken. Brutality is a sign of weakness and bad organisation. It is unskilled teachers who believe in "a good hiding"—for others.

Too Many Shops?

Agitation is raised in many districts against the opening of new shops. When unemployment is ended by productive work instead of being tinkered by "doles" there will be a revival of trade and plenty of custom.

Inspection Justified.

Ten or twelve years ago it was distinctly a rarity for a dentist to find a single child of five or six without signs of decaying teeth. Now perfect teeth among children is becoming common. This is good news.

The Water Line.

Birmingham is considering linking up with the sea through the Potteries to the Mersey. More and better use should be made of our waterways. We have always advocated this method of killing unemployment.

Help for the Poorest.

The Government Bill to amend the law relating to unhappy marriages is welcome. No longer need poor persons of either sex remain at the mercy of a brutal, drunken, or drug-sodden partner. Such legislation is badly needed.

Still Kicking.

"A five years' truce with capitalism would mean nothing less than a truce with death," says Mr. A. J. Cook. Can he explain why all of us are still alive after a century's truce?

A Hint.

Round-table conferences on the best form of restrictions for the drink traffic are resulting in amazing alliances between political opponents. When similar friendliness is exhibited on constructive politics some of our domestic problems may be nearer settlement.

Stage Suggestiveness.

Our artistes are revolting against the tendency to produce plays with a coarse sex appeal. Chorus girls, hating the state of undress in which they must often appear, are helpless. The British public must back up their bid for decency.

A Bitter Dispute.

The threatened stoppage in the East-End tailoring trade, now involving the poorest class of employees, the outworkers, who make up garments in their own homes at sweated rates, is a squalid tragedy of misunderstanding and hard-hearted obstinacy. It is not only murderers who have the marks of blood on their clothes.

The Milky Way.

John Knowles, a farmer of Fishwick, because his servant girl was slow in milking, dipped her in the cooling tank, struck her in the chest, and knocked her down with a threat of a ducking in the River Ribble "next time." Knowles and those who think a 30s. fine sufficient for such treatment should be given the Ribble cure.

We'd Like the Reason.

Steel trade depression is said to be the reason for closing salvage works near Dover which will throw 375 men out of employment. In the same district distress is rampant among unemployed miners. It is beyond guess why all mines and steel works should not be going at full blast.

"JOHN BULL'S" FREE INSURANCE GIFT
More Benefits Paid to "John Bull" Readers
See page 2.

Forbidden Fruits.

Many coming county council elections are to be fought on the issue of Sunday opening of cinemas. The present situation is ridiculous, there being no uniformity of practice. Sunday entertainment has uses, if only in providing work for unemployed musicians and attendants.

A Housing Scandal.

Having split up a house into flats, Walpole, Lowestoft landlord charged rents which represented a return of over five times the rateable value. It is this shameless profiteering that makes life a hell for the poor.

A Contemptuous Alien.

A Russian named Hyman Rosenberg, of 4[illegible] Shields Road, Glasgow, in the moneylending business, neglected to register himself, and called explained that he anticipated a difficulty in obtaining a licence as an alien. His determination to evade the law cost him £25. A foreigner who shows such contempt for the laws of this country should be deported.

Terrible Toys.

At Southwick-on-Wear a little boy playing with an air-gun entirely shattered the eyeball of another with whom he was playing. Notwithstanding that such weapons come within the restrictions of the Firearms Act, they are far too commonly purchased. We appeal to parents not to make gifts of pistols and guns to their children.

A Heartless Hoax.

We hope the Hull police will succeed in tracing the contemptible cad who called up relatives of the crew of the trawler *Scapa Flow*, which had been posted as missing, and told them that the men were safe. Women and children hurried thankfully to the harbour to greet their loved ones only to learn that they had been deceived. Such a heartless hoax deserves heavy punishment.

More Merciful.

We are glad to find that Messrs. Ullathorne and Everett, the Selby Magistrates who recently sentenced Alice Kirkby to a month's imprisonment because she could not pay a fine of forty shillings have a more merciful side to their nature. They dismissed an old man charged with begging and gave him 2s. 6d. from the poor box. May they long remain in the same mood.

A Nurse's Hours.

At Cane Hill Mental Hospital, a young nurse after doing duty from 7 a.m. till 6 p.m. was warned for night duty at 10 p.m. the same night. When finishing at 7 a.m. the next morning she was again warned for night duty. She went home to rest, but on returning to commence her night duty she was not permitted to do so, and she has since received a week's notice for not being on duty during the afternoon! Are nurses expected to do eighteen or nineteen hours of duty with only five hours' rest?

The Cat for a Coward.

We have no sympathy with the sloppy sentimentalists who have raised doleful voices in protest against the sentence of twenty-one months' hard labour and twenty strokes with the cat inflicted on that brutal young ruffian Robert Oulagi. A cowardly hooligan who batters a woman into insensibility and deliberately leaves her lying bound and helpless to burn to death in the hope of destroying any evidence of his crime deserves no mercy. Jacoby was hanged for less.

'For This Relief——"

Reduced to applying for Poor Law Relief after the withdrawal of his disability pension, a respectable who is a capable dental mechanic was ordered into the workhouse. Being assured that he could obtain work if he left the institution and was decently dressed, he wrote to the Inspector of the Poor for Elgin asking to be supplied with a suit of clothes. His request was ignored, and in consequence a young man who is able and willing to work is being kept in forced idleness at the expense of the ratepayers. This is as senseless as it is unsympathetic.

Dilatory Doctoring.

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Pilatory Doctoring.

"Doctors should be so organised that everybody could have prompt medical attention." This is the statement of Mr. J. A. Wilson, of Ladbroke Crescent, W., who with a child ill from pneumonia had to wait three days for a second visit from the panel doctor. Death gets a double chance with the poor.

Looking for Trouble.

Pelsall police are out to stamp out gambling, and so Levi Daniels, the licensee of the Royal Oak, has been fined £8 because a clay pipe colouring competition was held on his premises one Sunday evening. The gamblers were Staffordshire miners. We hope that the local vicar never holds a bazaar with a lucky bran-tub or he'll get ten years!

A Mischievous Move.

The Rugby Union's ban on the Oxford "Greyhounds" proposed visit to Germany is a mischievous political move under the guise of a sporting decision. The tour would have been a fine opportunity for an international demonstration of British sportsmanship. The surest way to disarm the German is to teach them to "play the game."

The Kind Cadi.

In travelling from Stockport to Carnarvon to visit the grave of the wife he loved and had lost, William Haigh had spent all he possessed. The long white roads beat him when he started to walk home again, and dead-tired he joined a train without a ticket. He was brought up at Chester, before magistrates who not only paid his fare, but gave the poor fellow money for food. Kind hearts can sometimes be found in a police court.

When Justice Errs.

Hull magistrates will have to get moving over the injustice done to Eliza Berkham, an innocent woman, whom they fined 21s. on a charge of stealing a coat, now found to have been stolen by another woman. The innocent woman's original story is now shown to be perfectly true, but the prosecution's word was taken before hers. Justice must make amends.

White Slave Raiders.

Men and women are busy in the neighbourhood of Employment Exchanges in Liverpool and other Northern cities, offering luring situations to attractive workless girls. Some of them are agents for white slavers anxious to gain recruits for the dens where girls lose their souls. The Employment Bureau in St. Thomas Street, Liverpool, is a happy hunting-ground and to save the girls more women police are required there.

Opium Traffic Tricks.

In recent months large numbers of undesirable Chinese have been able to land secretly in this country. Loy Lum is one of them. He has just been laid by the heels in Liverpool as a deported opium smuggler. The traffic will be stopped when the police lay their hands on the money-making agents who supply the irregular certificates with which the authorities have been so frequently tricked.

Benedicts before Bachelors.

Mr. Samuel Wallrock is a London estate agent with a heart. He has put up a ban against elderly bachelors who occupy large flats of many rooms in favour of couples with children who need housing. As one hundred and fifty persons are comfortably accommodated where twenty single persons previously lived, we urge other estate agents with large money to invest to "go and do likewise."

Not a Rabbit's Chance.

We don't think much of the sportsmanship of Richard Clinton and Harry Boyce, respectively in charge of and referee of a coursing meeting at Shepperton when only one rabbit got away out of sixty. There were eighty dogs, and the poor rabbits were hemmed in by flood water. Both "sportsmen" were fined for cruelty. If they had been real sports they would have cancelled the meeting until the rabbits had a sporting chance of getting away.

A Shilling Swindle.

A poor bed-ridden ex-soldier saw an advertisement offering "The Life and Works of Aristotle" at 1s., and sent that sum to "The Continental Trading Company," 20, Rockingham Street, Leeds. All he received for his money was a piffling pamphlet consisting of four pages enclosed in a green wrapper marked "Price one shilling." A more shameful swindle would be hard to find.

Mail Order Profiteering

F. West, of 60, Burlington Road, W., who calls himself a Mail Order Specialist, advertises "£100 Worth of Orders in a Few Days Guaranteed." His proposal shows that for £2 2s. he undertakes to enable students of his methods to obtain within ten days a hundred cash-with-order replies to an advertisement offering for £1 an article which costs only 5s. Such mail order profiteering would be about as honest as West's business.

Birds That go East.

We are still receiving complaints concerning "The Alderney Poultry and Egg Stores," 34A, Alderney Road, Mile End, E. Readers who have consigned poultry there are unable to obtain payment. Scotland Yard should keep an eye on premises at 6, Devonshire Street, Mile End, to which these birds and others sent to a firm called Williams & Co., 172, Green Street Market, Bethnal Green, E., seem to find their way.

Slow Sparks.

A disabled ex-soldier who is struggling hard to keep a small business going has suffered at the hands of The Magneto Ignition and Wireless Co., 59, Griffiths Road, Wimbledon, S.W. After one satisfactory deal with them he sent them £5 15s. and a magneto on which they offered to allow him 15s., but after one letter of apology for delay he has received no further communication from them. Our own letters inviting attention to the matter have been ignored. Perhaps this public mention will stir them to action.

A Callous Crook.

Complaints are again coming in concerning Ernest Burns, the photographic enlargement crook whom we have repeatedly pilloried. He callously ignores applications for the delivery of pictures which have been paid for photographs which remain in his possession. Letters sent to him at 44, Mount View Road, Stroud Green, N., are not returned by the Post Office, so he is still at that address. The police must do something to compel him to carry out his obligations.

Robbery by Post.

Robrills & Co., 35, Fulwood House, High Holborn, W.C., advertised "Roluron" cigarette making machines, and a reader sent them a postal order for 2s. for one. After allowing them ample time to deliver the goods, he has been unable to obtain even an acknowledgment, much less the machine. All his requests for an explanation are ignored. If the P.M.-G. would only untroduce a C.O.D. parcel service much of this robbery by post would be prevented.

The Ford Share Ramp.

A reader who was foolishly persuaded to send Hoshor, Montanye & Co., Ltd., 23, Leadenhall Street, E.C., £30 for "units" of Ford Motor shares at 30s. each received no certificates, but was visited by two prosperous looking individuals in a gorgeous motor-car who endeavoured to persuade him to invest a further £100 or £200. Instead, he wrote and demanded the return of his £30. The firm replies that it is still busy selling, and cannot help to dispose of his holding at present. Others beware.

Suspicious.

"I am the manager of one of the largest firms of Commission Agents in London," says S. Charles, of 144A, Croxted Road, Dulwich, S.E., by way of introduction to his touting circular offering to supply information regarding projected starting price coups of which he claims to be able to obtain foreknowledge owing to his position. If there is one kind of tip which should be regarded with suspicion more than another, it is the sort which comes from a man who has no scruples about betraying his employers' confidence for his own personal profit.

A Tallyman's £ s. d.

D. C. Phillips, the usurer who first attracted our attention by the pretty postscript appended to his touting circular sent out from 76, High Street, Tooting, S.W., seems to be a veritable octopus. He also has offices at 270A, Lavender Hill, Clapham Junction, S.W., and 18, Queen Street, Hammersmith, W. Borrowers to whom he advances £5 are required to sign for £7 10s., repayable by weekly instalments of 5s. Phillips is also a tallyman, supplying clothing on "easy terms." A moneylender further entangling his harassed victims with such transactions is extremely objectionable.

The Human Machine.

Leaders to Nowhere

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

THE aim of these articles is to point out how the Human Machine can be made to function more effectively; to try to show how a man may climb out of the rut and do something worth while in the world.

When, however, a machine is keyed up to produce more and more power, it is necessary to have a clear idea to what the extra power is to be applied.

Power without purpose is simply a senseless waste of energy.

There are too many men who want to lead, prizing leadership for its own sake, confusing the means with the end, worshipping Power without having the imagination to vision an ultimate end for that power.

They are leaders to nowhere, unless it be to d saster.

"Once or twice in every generation," said a recent writer, "there lives a man who attempts a small task in a corner: and perceiving it clearly in its relative importance to the rest of existence, puts his nose to the grindstone—with his eyes open to the horizon—and does the thing."

We all have our noses to the grindstone: we have not always our eyes "open to the horizon" at the same time. That is why so much of our effort ends in futility.

NO man should ever divorce imagination from his work. He should endeavour to see life clearly, and see it whole, and should fit his efforts into a scheme that has a very definite end in view.

That is the real meaning of ambition.

And if your small task—even though it be done in a corner—leads somewhere, keep your nose to the grindstone.

The danger lies in seeing no further than the grindstone. There is a wider horizon than that.

WORSE THAN MURDER

INNOCENT CHILDREN SOILED FOR LIFE

An Appeal to the Home Office

FROM all parts of the country letters have reached us from broken-hearted parents whose children have been outraged in the most disgraceful circumstances, and since we exposed some fiends a short time ago there has been an increased number of extremely gross cases.

Two cases came before Mr. Dunn at Greenock Police Court last week, and the evidence in both instances was of such a nature that the magistrate cleared the Court.

Mr. Justice McKinnon, whose attitude towards sexual offenders is shown by his stern sentences.

John Hally, a labourer, was found guilty of indecent practices towards a terrified child of four years of age in a close in Antigua Street. The details of the case are unprintable, and although he admitted a previous conviction for a similar offence, he got off with the lenient sentence of sixty days' imprisonment.

John Marshall, an apprentice joiner, followed the brute Hally into the dock, charged with indecent practices towards a girl of ten. Again the evidence was of such a character as makes it impossible to print—and, again, this second pest got off with the totally inadequate sentence of thirty days.

If Mr. Dunn erred on the side of leniency in punishing these two wretches, he is certainly to be complimented for what he said. He stated that he hoped the mothers not only of Greenock but of Great Britain, would rise up and make a determined effort to get the Criminal Law Amendment Act put right.

"Mothers," he concluded, "should rise up and demand that their little children be protected from scoundrels like accused."

Terror-stricken victims

If the mothers of Great Britain had the slightest conception of some of the astounding cases before us they would indeed, we are sure, rise up in the way suggested by Mr. Dunn. Let us give one or two instances.

A dirty rascal, named Cyril John Blunsdon, of 3, Sidney Street, Gloucester, went to the Theatre de Luxe, and while some films were being shown, interfered with an eight-year-old girl. He next attended the Picturedrome on another occasion, and committed a gross offence on a nine-year-old child.

The poor little girls, shivering with terror as they stood in the court, gave evidence, and the Deputy Chief Constable of Gloucester said that complaints had been received about Blunsdon's indecent conduct over a long period. As it was urged, however, that he was not very strong-minded, he was bound over to be of good behaviour for two years!

Is this the way to protect innocent children from molestation? Mr. H. W. Clark, of 9, Moor Street, Gloucester, who is the uncle of one of the little girls, writes to us to say that he does not think so. Neither do we.

Then there is a cad named Walter Henry Bird, a forty-one-year-old waiter, who behaved improperly towards a little girl of eleven while she was in a Brighton kinema. Bird is a married man with two children, and there is an affiliation order out against him in respect to a child born to a young girl living in Sevenoaks. The Brighton magistrate sentenced Bird to two months!

Thomas Badham, of Princefield Street, Kentish Town, is another pest. He improperly assaulted his daughter-in-law, aged twenty-one, for which he has just been sentenced to two months' hard labour. Badham has a wife and several grown-up children, and he had constantly interfered indecently with his daughter-in-law when she was alone with her young baby. This depraved devil had previously been before the Court on a charge of outrage, and some time ago he was also alleged to have attempted to assault a school-girl of thirteen.

We could go on quoting instances like these, showing that it is absolutely undesirable that cases of this nature should be left to magistrates to deal with. Every person brought up on charges of this kind should be tried by a judge and jury.

Public in danger

When, very occasionally, one comes before the High Court, he is properly dealt with, as was George Barry, of Neath, who, a few days ago, was found guilty at Cardiff Assizes of an indecent offence against a thirteen-year-old child. Mr. Justice McKinnon sent him to jail for seven years' penal servitude.

The extent of these appalling crimes is gravely affecting the public mind, and we ask the Home Secretary to order a full and frank investigation into the whole matter, and to introduce legislation which will ensure justice being done to all who violate the innocence of little children who, as long as they live, retain the memory of their terrifying experiences at the hands of depraved and inhuman cads.

Wealthy Widows for Sale

Many Blanks in the Matrimonial Lottery

FROM information which has reached us, it would appear that two enterprising gentlemen in High Holborn, who make a pleasant living through the delightful medium of supplying rich wives to impoverished gentry in return for fat fees, deserve a little frank and outspoken criticism.

Their business is called the *Matrimonial Times*, and is situated at Featherstone Buildings, London, W.C., an address which, from time to time, has housed many shady people in various walks of life.

The Editor of the *Matrimonial Times* is given as "Mr. Robert Radford," but the two gentlemen who run it are named A. Berriff and H. Parry.

This concern states that it is the only reliable agency in existence, and publicly recognised as the most successful and largest advertised paper of its kind in the world. "Of its kind" is good.

It has a cable and telegraphic address all its own—"Amatorem, Holborn, London." This, too, sounds fine. "Amatorem" pertaining to love, or something causing or designed to cause love. Amatorial, if we delve a little further into the encyclopædia, means "To love (applied especially to sex affection)."

If you answer one of the advertisements of this amatory concern you get a circular signed "R. Radford" which says he has a great number of clients on his books apart from those advertising in his paper. You also get a free copy of the *Matrimonial Times*.

Incidentally, Mr. Radford states that before you are allowed to send any letters to his office to be forwarded to any advertiser who strikes your fancy, he requires "an introductory fee" of ten guineas, in return for which you are led to expect marriage with a winsome and wealthy widow, a homely and handsome heiress, or even, a plump and prosperous pugilist.

One widower, with several children, who could not find anyone willing to marry him, got in touch with the *Matrimonial Times*. He parted with two guineas in advance, on the understanding that the other eight would be payable when he was suited with a wife.

Waiting for some time for news as to who his prospective bride was likely to be, and hearing nothing at all from the *Matrimonial Times*, he wrote to them on the subject, to learn from Mr. Radford, in an extraordinarily impertinent letter, that nothing more could be done for him until he paid the balance.

He has not got his wife, and he is two guineas the poorer for trying to get one through these enterprising amatory artists who certainly seem to have discovered quite a novel method of extracting money from lonely and loveless people.

A Journalist's Flat-trap

Woman's persuasive personality

A CURIOUS concern is operating at 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, London, W.C.2, called the Newspaper Press. As we know a little more about it than we like, we have pleasure in passing the information on to the public.

The leading light of this concern is a dashing young woman named Peggy Wade, who, in private life, is a Mrs. Enzer.

An advertisement recently appeared in the *Daily Telegraph* for an organising secretary to take over the management of courses in journalistic training, and applicants were invited to see Miss Wade. This lady talked very gushingly about the golden opportunities offered, and required ten guineas to go on with, as all applicants must undergo training.

We do not know how many have paid their guineas to Miss Wade, but we strongly advise people not to hand her a cent.

No connection whatever

During the last few days we have been inundated with telephone enquiries and with personal calls as to this woman's bona fides. She has been telling applicants that she is closely connected with JOHN BULL that she was also connected with Messrs. Odhams Press Ltd., the proprietors of this journal.

She said these things so emphatically that some clients drew the conclusion that we were the headquarters, while Miss Wade acted as a sort of special department working under our control!

She even went as far as to tell one of her applicants, a Mr. Lee, that she had worked for us for fifteen years.

These are deliberate lies, and Miss Wade is putting herself in a very serious position by telling them. She denies that she ever did, but there is no doubt that she has. She has never had anything whatever to do with JOHN BULL.

Solving Problems

In the latter part of last year when Messrs. Odhams were advertising for agents to further the sale of other of their publications, they received a letter from Peggy Wade, 19, Shore Road, South Hackney, applying for work.

She painted herself as a woman with over ten years' experience in canvassing for press sales, with a valuable connection, much initiative, capable of offering advice and suggestions to people.

Her letter also stated that she was thirty years of age, of smart appearance, persuasive personality, and able to deal with any difficult problem. She did not take up the work.

We do not question her initiative, her convincing manner, smart appearance and persuasive personality. But if she is not very careful Miss Peggy Wade may have to prove, in quite a different place, that she is able to deal with any difficult problem.

A Medical Blunder

...jured Man's Suffering

...OPLE in all parts of the country have brought to our notice cases where they consider that the negligence of doctors ...sulted in loss of life, or where ...anent injury has been caused. ...many of these cases the evidence ...nly leads one to believe that ...mplaints are justified, but the ...st difficulty is always experi... in pressing such serious charges ... in a court of law.

George Freeborn, of The Bun..., Old Frodingham, Scunthorpe, ... us the remarkable story of an ...ience he has endured in this way. ...r man, he had the greatest diffi... in scraping together the money ...sary to take his grievance to ...Law Courts, and, as he says, ...onder how many unfortunate ...iduals have been similarly ...cted who have not been able to ... through lack of funds."

...n doctors differ

...e one night some time ago, two ...al policemen found Freeborn in ...street unable to walk without ...ance, after he had been knocked ... by a motor-car. They took ...to the police station, where he ...plained of pains in his leg, and ...Robert W. Leeming, surgeon to ...Kendal Borough Police Force, ... telephoned for. On arrival, ...xamined Freeborn and ordered ...emoval to the infirmary where ...is also the medical officer.

...eeborn was under Dr. Leeming's ... for some weeks, and left the ...nary at his own request. He ...went to an independent doctor, ...d Johnson, who suspected a ...ure of the neck of the femur, ...sent Freeborn to the local hos... for massage. Dr. Johnson again ...ined him later, when he was ...in that the man was suffering ... either a dislocation of the femur ... badly set fracture. He con...d with another doctor, whose ...on was that Freeborn was suffer... from an unreduced dislocation ...he left hip joint.

...evealed tragedies

... operation was then performed, ... the result that Freeborn's left ... now one inch shorter than the ..., a disfigurement that will be ...anent. Freeborn brought a ...for damages against Dr. Leeming, ...ng everything he had to do so, ...he ground that he negligently ... to diagnose the dislocation, and ... his permanent disability was ...to the doctor's negligence.

...st week, at the Grimsby County ..., the judge found that Dr. ...ing had been negligent in his ...ment of Freeborn, and awarded ...£1,800 damages and costs.

...hen, therefore, as happens now ... then, a patient succeeds, as ...born has done, in showing that he ... substantial grounds for proving ...igence on the part of a medical ...titioner, who can say that the ...t in the public mind as to the ex... of such blunders does not very ...erly assume the gravest aspect?

Monstrous Charity Scandal

ANOTHER BOGUS PARSON ON THE LIST

Our Special Commissioner in Scotland

IN the public interest we recently criticised the Northern Evangelistic Association, an extraordinary movement with so-called "Missions" in Aberdeen and Dundee, and in various parts of this country, enveloping Barnstaple and Smethwick. Last week our Special Commissioner was in Scotland investigating the whole thing.

Its leading light is a gentleman called Pastor A. J. Matthews, who resides at 559, King Street, Aberdeen. The "Headquarters" is at 6, Schoolhill, Aberdeen, which appears to be the present residence of "Sister Norah," the secretary of the Association. With "Sister Norah" resides a young woman named Amy who, when she is not attending to her mistress's wants and wishes, is busy collecting money for Mr. Matthews' Evangelistic Association.

Another fervent worker of the Association is the "Rev." J. R. Penrose, who, before he became conspicuous in the evangelical sphere, earned his living as a porter in a Cheltenham store. Penrose is quite unique in his way.

Not only is he "the Gifted Evangelist and Gospel Singer," but he is also a very experienced cadger.

To be a farmer's boy

Under the wing of Pastor Matthews and Sister Norah and the "Rev." Penrose is a gang of people whose aim in life appears to be the collection of money from the charitably disposed. Many of them are married couples, who get £1 a week salary and 5s. in the £ commission.

The Northern Evangelistic Association really consists of a few obscure individuals who, to keep themselves in comfort, run this affair more as a business than a charity.

For some time a very active member of the concern has been collecting around Montrose, Dundee, and in Stornoway. His name is Edward Kinnaird. He is just twenty-one, and has an interesting history.

A few years ago—in October, 1921—he was certified mentally deficient and sent to Kingseat Asylum. He escaped, ran home to his mother at Hutcheon Street, Aberdeen, and was finally taken back to the institution. Eventually, after a further spell there, he was released, and his mother found him work with a farmer.

Six and half-a-dozen

But Kinnaird did not like this work, and after making himself very troublesome to his employer, threw up the situation, ran away, and became a paid collector for the Northern Evangelistic Association.

Kinnaird liked his new occupation, and boasted that he often made as much as £5 a week, which suggests that he was a highly successful cadger.

Pastor Matthews likes good collectors—the more they earn in commission, the bigger the share for the Association—and he took Kinnaird very warmly to his bosom.

Was Matthews aware, when he allowed this lad to cadge for charitable contributions in his name, that his past did not fit him for the work? Did he not know that only a miracle could transform such a lad into a gifted and true-hearted evangelist?

Edward Kinnaird in his clerical attire.

Kinnaird for a long time spent his days collecting for Matthews in the "official uniform" of the Northern Evangelistic Association, on the cap and tunic of which appear the letters "N.E.A." Then something dramatic happened.

A few weeks ago Kinnaird started wandering up and down the country dressed as a clergyman, wearing (as you here see) a clerical collar, and holding special missions, making collections on an extensive scale, and preaching sermons in the name of the Northern Evangelistic Association.

What has Pastor Matthews to say to this? Why is he still silent upon the questions we have recently put to him as to where he himself was ordained, and as to what right he and his coadjutor, Mr. Penrose, have to call themselves "reverend"?

Married and stranded

Kinnaird has stated that he is a fully-fledged pastor, and that Pastor Matthews had himself ordained him at his church in Shiprow, Aberdeen.

But that is not all. The following announcement recently appeared in a local paper under "Marriages." "Wilson-Kinnaird. At 19, Hutcheon Street, Aberdeen, on 13th January, by the Rev. A. J. Matthews, Edward Kinnaird to Maggie Jane, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson, 5, Commerce Street, Fraserburgh."

This marriage was a sudden and dramatic affair. Kinnaird states that Matthews was going to place him in charge of the Dundee branch of the Association, where he was to preach the gospel and manage the mission completely. To this end, Kinnaird says that Matthews promised him a cottage in which he and his wife could live after their marriage.

Somehow, something, as seems the way with this peculiar Association, went wrong at the last moment. Within a few hours of the ceremony Kinnaird learned from Matthews that he was not going to get the cottage after all. He rushed away to his mother's house at Aberdeen, told her all about it, scared her almost to death, and went away to return a short while after, accompanied by Miss Wilson, when the marriage ceremony was actually performed by the pastor.

To-day, Kinnaird and his wife are starving. They have no money with which to pay the rent, and are stranded in Dundee. The Kinnairds have quarrelled with Matthews because they say he has failed to carry out his promises.

Matthews recently sent for Kinnaird's mother and, in the presence of witnesses, questioned her about her son's past, threatening to put him into jail for burning some of the Association's books in which money collected for the mission should be accounted for.

What type of man is Matthews who, with incredible negligence, takes any Tom, Dick and Harry into his association to extract money from the pockets of the public for his so-called charitable association?

In 1914 he was charged for allowing children under the age of fourteen to sing in the streets of the city "to induce alms." Some very unpleasant things were said by the fiscal about the unsound finances of the concern, and Matthews was admonished.

Bang went saxpence

One shivering girl witness of twelve said she got a penny or a halfpenny for singing in the streets on Saturdays, while the mother of two children, who did not even know that they were street singing for Matthews, stated that when she was ill the pastor came to see her, prayed over her and gave her sixpence. This reckless extravagance on the pastor's part was, we hope, suitably noted in the books of the Association.

Since then other people connected with the mission have been similarly charged, and Matthews himself has, for a second time, been "admonished" for collecting and obstruction.

The balance-sheets of this Association—audited by Mr. Matthews himself, by a one-legged person who sells newspapers in the streets, and by another man unqualified for such an important public duty—show that by far the larger proportion of the public money extracted from credulous people is frittered away in salaries to dubious clerics, and other equally dubious services.

Legal action necessary

This is but part of the scandal. Meanwhile, collections are taking place all over the country, and the public has the right to know, in detail, where this money goes and how it is spent.

It may satisfy Matthews & Co. to explain large sums of money away in "collectors' commission, etc.," and in those unconvincing but blessed words "salaries" and "expenses."

But surely this is not adequate explanation for such guardians of the public's trust as the Lord Provost of Aberdeen. And while things remain as they are, we strongly advise the public not to support this grossly mismanaged and preposterous Association.

Owner or Spoofer?

Misusing a clean name

WHAT precisely is the meaning of the description of Racing Champion Owner? It would be hard to say, but there is no doubt that as the phrase is employed in the advertisements of R. Day, Fishergate, Nottingham, it is a deliberate attempt to bluff the racing public into thinking that in dealing with this vendor of cheap "tips" they are dealing with a man prominently associated with racing.

It is true that in most of his advertisements Day indicates that his Christian name is Richard, but the fact that the public are not too observant in matters of detail, combined with the frequent advertising of R. Day only, is calculated to cause confusion with the name of the well-known trainer-owner, Reggie Day.

It may be that he has some right to the name, and if that be the case we shall record the fact with pleasure while regretting that he should not have used another description of himself in justice to a good sportsman who has of course absolutely no association with Day, and is certainly not related to him in any way.

And when he is at it perhaps Day will tell us the precise meaning of Racing Champion Owner? What does he own? When did he own it? How does he reconcile his champion ownership with the severe ban of the Jockey Club on owners who offer tips for profit?

These are questions that the public have a right to see answered fairly and fully, and until "R. Day" answers them satisfactorily the sound and the safe rule is to ignore altogether his offers of tips.

Sailor Slaves

THE other day, at Grimsby Police Court, Arthur Spurgeon, mate of the trawler *Girl Ena*, was charged with disobeying orders by failing to join his ship at sailing time.

He pleaded that he had completed a long spell at the wheel, and was thoroughly worn out when the ship entered port at one in the morning. Utterly fatigued he did not wake in time to rejoin. When he did, he went to the dock and discovered that a warrant had been taken out against him for disobedience. The magistrate dismissed the charge.

Recently the trawler *Ulster* was wrecked in the North Sea. Five men lost their lives. At the enquiry one witness said: "I was awakened by the grinding sound caused by the vessel striking. I ran to the wheel-house, and found the mate alone, lying asleep in a corner."

The jury found that the accident was caused by the negligence of the mate who had fallen asleep at his post—which shows the urgent necessity why the Board of Trade must ensure that seafaring men, on whom so much depends, are not compelled to work beyond the limits of human endurance.

WICKED WIRELESS WANGLE

Creditors who Cannot Listen-in

THE police should enquire into the bankruptcy of Hyman Gershon Weiner, trading as Harry G. Weiner & Co., of 112, Wellington Street, Leicester.

Since last summer, Weiner has succeeded in obtaining goods to the value of £10,000 from a large number of radio manufacturers, practically none of whom have received payment, and who are left with assets worth only £240.

The names of two firms were given as references—Douglas Armstrong, of Kingsway, London, and Wm. Courtney and Co., of 63, High Holborn. Both of these firms seemed to think the world of Weiner, and had no hesitation in passing on the information to the prospective creditors. What the creditors did not notice was that their sympathy with the wholesale merchants, of Leicester, extended even to the use of a note-paper with the same water-mark.

The goods were duly delivered, and passed on to a firm, for whom Weiner now claims to have been acting as purchasing agent on 7½ per cent. commission. The title of this concern who preferred to have goods bought for them from London dealers via Leicester is W. L. Enderby and Co. of Palace Chambers, Shaftesbury Avenue.

Enderby and Co., who described themselves as "agents for Spanish and Italian Chambers of Commerce," were consigned £5,403 worth of goods in November, £3,118 in December and £1,742 in January, a total of £10,264 in three months.

Most fortunately for poor Weiner, who was forced thereby to file his petition, in order, as he himself put it, "to protect his creditors," Enderby and Co. refused to pay for the goods on the ground that they were not up to standard.

Unfortunately, too, Enderby and Co. did not return the goods, which were delivered to them by motor.

Enquiries concerning William Courtney and Co., 63, High Holborn, have been difficult to pursue, owing to the disappearance of the firm during the past month. The office was taken on a sub-tenancy in last October, the principal being R. Berger.

Originally, they were understood to be in the clothing line, but a search of their office revealed that they were "wireless and gramophone manufacturers and importers."

Possibly, the firm had no reason to doubt the financial stability of Hyman Weiner, for, according to the latter's cash book, they had received payments for him of £1,100 in cash, and £70 by cheque.

If they did receive such payments for bona fide transactions in wireless goods, we shall be delighted to offer them the courtesy of our columns to clear their position.

A similar offer we should of course make to Douglas Armstrong, of Kingsway, who, also according to Weiner's cash book, received £200 by cheque, and £822 in cash. We were unable to see Mr. Armstrong on calling at his office, and the sole employee, a typist of sixteen, was of course not in the position to give the necessary information.

We should be delighted, too, to meet Mr. Enderby, of W. L. Enderby and Co., whom, also, we have failed to find in his office. Naturally, a trader who receives £10,000 worth of goods in three months from one firm alone is a busy man—so busy in fact, that the lift-man in the building has only seen him three times since he took his little room some months ago.

A Brute who Runs Away

A DESPICABLE cur is David Wilkin, who was until recently employed as a labourer by the Newcastle Corporation.

His name deservedly stinks on the banks of the Tyne, which he has too long defiled by his noisome presence. He has a number of illegitimate children, two of whom were born to a woman named Beatrice Foster, of Elm Street, Newcastle. The circumstances of his association with her are sordid in the extreme.

Beatrice Foster was taken by Wilkin from the Chester-le-Street workhouse to act as his "housekeeper." She complied with the suggestion in order to free herself from the restraint of the Institution, and as a result these two children were brought into the world.

Wilkin's bestial propensities were such that he was unable to preserve even the spirit of this shameful pact, and while nominally living with Foster he was associating with another woman who had several children by him.

An officer of the N.S.P.C.C. who visited the house in Elm Street found the two children in a condition which almost baffles description. The younger, five months old, covered with sores and frightfully emaciated, weighed only seven pounds. The elder, nineteen months old, was sore and rickety, and weighed only sixteen pounds.

Both were at once removed to the infirmary, but it is doubtful whether either will survive the shocking neglect and ill-usage which brought about their deplorable condition.

Process was applied for, and granted against Wilkin and Foster, but when the case came on for hearing, the woman stood in the dock alone. Weeping, she protested that she had done her best for the two wretched infants with the money Wilkin gave her.

Taking into consideration the fact that she had similarly neglected another child of her own, aged five, the Court had no option but to sentence her to three months' imprisonment, a punishment none too severe. We waste no sympathy upon her.

Meanwhile, Wilkin, the scoundrel responsible in equal measure for this shocking state of things, had made himself scarce, and was not to be found in the town on the day of the trial. There is now a warrant out for his arrest and we trust that every effort will be made to bring the brute to book.

Thugs of the Turf

IF something is not done, and done quickly, to suppress the ruffianism indulged in by the race gangs who infest London and the provinces, there will be more brutal assaults, more razor attacks, and, indeed, more murders.

The murderous attack made a few weeks ago in Aldgate upon Moses Levy, a bookmaker, who was almost killed, is far wider in its gravity than it appears to be on the surface.

There are three gangs in London to-day—the "Epsom Gang," the "Aldgate Gang," and the notorious "Sabini" mob. Some of these ruffians are at variance with each other, and enmity between them is developing so rapidly that sooner or later they will clash arms.

The failure of Scotland Yard to bring home to the right people the charge of maliciously wounding Levy adds another amazing triumph to the victories of the race gang.

Levy was accosted by several men, in broad daylight, who threw him to the ground, kicked him in the body and head, and slashed him brutally across the face with a razor. His assailants are still at large.

The matter must not end there. This is not an isolated case. Time after time men have been similarly assaulted by these thugs, and nothing more has been heard of the matter because the victims were afraid to prosecute and the witnesses intimidated by such things as knuckle-dusters, revolvers and razors.

We shall not cease to protest against the immunity of these racing gangs until they are rounded up. We can suggest to the police some new clues.

Who were the two men who, concerned in the assault, retired to a neighbouring public-house and handed a third man they met there a blood-stained razor in order that it would not be found upon them if they were arrested?

Who was the fourth man they met there, who saw the razor handed over, was made to buy drinks for the other three, and give them money on the threat of being kicked on the floor if he refused or opened his mouth?

Who was the man who rushed into a nearby street after the assault and jumped into a waiting cab which drove him to Epsom?

If these questions are answered the real assailants should be rounded up.

Blood-stained Dividends

ONLY slowly is the social conscience awakening to the crimes of industry. The negroid slaves of the Southern States have been liberated far soone· and quicker than the white-faced ser.s of Britain, says Mr. Wheatley in this powerful artic e.

by The Right Hon.
J. WHEATLEY, M.P.
(*Late Minister of He lth*)

WHEN, a few weeks ago, an Indian rajah announced that he was going to abolish slavery in his State, everybody was ast to learn that it even existed. But there o necessity to leave these shores to discover very: certain of our native industries are intained by wage-slavery of the worst cription.

In the old slave markets of the East and erica slaves would be congregated for the pection of prospective masters who would n buy them for as small a sum as possible. e slave would then be forced to labour long and arisomely, in dehumanising conditions.

In return, he would be given subsistence—a rd that spells that fine difference between life d starvation. The master's share in the rgain would be blood-stained profits.

In the slave markets of modern industrialism ll be found the self-same characteristics. tside any Labour Exchange will be found a gregation of wage-slaves for the inspection prospective masters who sign them on as rkers for as small a wage as possible. The rker then has to labour long and wearisomely dehumanising conditions.

The worker's return is a weekly pay-envelope t contains just enough to keep him and his the right side of the starvation line. The ster's share in the bargain is seen in a profit-ated bank balance.

rnaces horror

here are, I am glad to be able to say, a few hteous masters in the industrial Sodom and morrah. It is these who, possibly, save the es of the Plain from the wrath of an outraged d and an enslaved humanity. But they are outnumbered by those others who, in the red name of dividends, employ sweated labour hideous working conditions to produce com-dities which are stained with the blood and rs of the oppressed worker.

o nation can boast of its civilisation while it the shame of Sheffield to face. In those ery factories human material is ground along h the steel.

ome people are so indecently perverted as to able to see nothing but the beauty of work in sight of a man, stripped to the waist, carrying te-hot cauldrons of molten metal. This r slaves away in an unhealthy temperature e so dangerous by the fumes thrown off by chemicals used in the process that he has to r a pad over his nostrils and mouth. The only s to guide his stumbling feet very often is given by the molten metal and the furnace.

ting on wall

ut it is happening in Sheffield factories every r of the day and night—a non-stop gallop to r death.

nd in the basement of the buildings are the hing departments. Here, in the mournful m of gas-lit rooms are girls and women, in y-brown overalls, putting the finishing hes to the cutlery and plate soon to adorn table of some wedding banquet. Just as at Belshazzar feast the throb of doom was so at many a wedding banquet in these the tragedy of death is polished into the ning cutlery.

ese girls have to stand at a bench laden with orundum powder and ceaselessly press na, forks and knives on to a whirling wheel that spits the powder into the air and lungs. The girls wear red handkerchiefs on the heads to preserve their hair; but there is nothing to prevent every lung in the room being choked with the dangerous particles.

Young girls do this from the age of fourteen to the moment of collapse. Some of them stand the clock round at this frightful job, while all the time conscious of the pangs and pleasures of pregnancy. Their babes are born into the world forty years old. And their little lungs are engrained; their first cry is a cough. They die young.

The Rt. Hon. John Wheatley, M.P.

Every year there is a Cutlers' Feast in the Cutlers' Hall, when the Master Cutler presides. About five hundred men and women in white shirts and flimsy gowns sit and eat. Into that room is crowded five million pounds of money—profits from the cutlery business. A stone's throw away, on the other side of the main road, are a collection of decrepit slums. They are the quarters of the coughing slaves.

Why should we marvel at the Indian rajah? He is at least superior to some of our Captains of Industry—he has set his slaves free. But I doubt whether the slave-drivers of Central Africa beat those of the Five Towns.

Arnold Bennett has made the Five Towns famous, but some of the Pottery employers have made them infamous. Here is one of Britain's slave markets—men, women and children all lumped together in a frantic endeavour to make big profits. What matter if bodies are broken, minds stunted and souls seared so long as 30 per cent. dividend can be declared?

Released by death

Apart from the wretched hovels of Hanley and the disgusting wage paid to the pottery workers, there are the frightful conditions in which they have to work. One of the worst evils visits those who have to carry "saggers."

These are earthenware moulds containing a dozen hot unfinished plates, each embedded in sand. The "saggers" weigh just under a hundredweight; when filled they weigh about 200 lbs.

The task for the worker is herculean. He has to pick this weight up from the ground, get it on his shoulder, struggle with it down steep steps to the furnace and run it into the fierce heat. Fortunately for these poor devils, they do not live long. They usually die the agonising death of strangulation from acute hernia.

Not far from the Potteries is the Black Country with Birmingham as its capital and its hundreds of back-street industries, the chief of which is button making. A few women work in the work-shop which is usually down some side-yard, but most of the work is done in the tumble-down "homes" of the people.

These poor women are literally sweated to death. They must make, or card, or braid, thousands of buttons in order to get enough even to pay the rent. The button-making business is one of the worst of the sweated industries because it is unorganised and the Trade Boards have not sufficient inspectors to deal with the mushroom firms which are dotted all over the place.

Not far away is Cradley, the centre of the iron-working area. The scandal of the women chain-makers cries to heaven as did the blood of Abel. And all that the world seems to do is to ask: "Am I my sister's keeper?" These women make no chain stronger than that which binds them, body and soul, in this slave market.

Am I not justified in viewing these workers as slaves? Here is a letter from one:

"The first part of my life I spent in a screw factory from six in the morning to five at night. I only left two weeks before my children were born. And then I took in lodgers and washing, working right up to an hour before baby was born . . . . three of my girls suffer with their insides; one dear boy was born ruptured on account of my previous hard work."

Indictment of the F.B.I.

All these—and many other—crimes against humanity are directly traceable to the unholy basis on which modern industry is builded.

This explains many of the worst accidents that have taken place—in cutting down "production costs" the policy of "safety first" has suffered. During the last year 125,551 accidents were reported and these took a toll of 867 lives. This total is much higher than that of the preceding year.

Many accidents happen because the employer, in trying to force up his rate of profit, refuses to take those precautions stipulated by law. Last year 1,245 employers were proceeded against for this, and 1,136 were convicted. It is worth noting as highly significant that while forty-two of these offences related to sanitation, nearly two hundred affected the personal safety of the workers.

What has the Federation of British Industries to say to these accusations of inhumanity? As a rule the attitude of the transgressing employers is self-righteous. They think that the Government (and, of course, the workers) should be grateful to them for providing work, under any conditions, when there is so much unemployment.

The risks undertaken by capitalists are often stressed, but the incalculably greater human risks run by the workers, even in "normal" times, are easily overlooked. When we cease to take a class view of humanity and begin to admit that in the enjoyment of life all sections are entitled to equal consideration, such risks will not be forced on a single human being.

Theology or humanity?

It is true that there has been progress through factory legislation, but much of this was forced from the employing class, when its hard conscience was pricked by the repentance of one of its more enlightened members, or by the realisation that "even from an economical point of view" safe and healthy conditions for the workers may be ultimately the most profitable to the owner.

I appeal to those among the "comfortable" classes who have religious convictions to join in repudiating the notion that the material and the spiritual can be separated. The material conditions of life, and especially the working portion of it, must express brotherhood, fellowship, and humanity.

Whispers from Westminster

IMPRESSIONS OF LAST WEEK'S PARLIAMENT

by Lt.-Comm. The Hon. J. M. KENWORTHY, M.P.

SO far, a spirit of gloomy tranquillity has brooded over the new Parliament; on one side of the House is a Government of folded hands and crossed legs; on the other, an Opposition that has not yet got into its stride.

But this is not the tranquillity of peace so much as the calm before a storm. One can feel the electricity of lightning in the air, and already there is the muttering of distant thunder. The storm may break at any moment.

In these circumstances, the most interesting part of the Parliamentary days has been question time. This is the hour between prayers, which take place at 2.45, and Government business which begins at 3.45. It is somewhat incongruous that prayers should immediately precede the fusillade!

We private members particularly relish the Supplementary Question. This is put on the spur of the moment immediately after the Minister's reply, and the answer can rarely be prepared by the Government Department, though sometimes an attempt is made to anticipate probable supplementaries.

". . . the muttering of distant thunder."

This is the real chance for most of us. I sometimes almost feel sorry for the poor harassed Ministers. But not quite!

The manner of various Ministers in answering questions varies considerably. For example, since Mr. Austen Chamberlain went to the Foreign Office, he has become very superior and particularly resents Supplementary Questions; such a Ministerial Monarch ought to be protected from the curiosity of mere ordinary private members.

But it means that at times Austen finishes by looking as imposing as a toy balloon after collision with a pin!

MR. BALDWIN, on the other hand, is suave and frank and seeks to disarm by his very simplicity of manner. In this he is not always successful. I sometimes think he has overworked his "Simple Simon" pose.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, the President of the Board of Trade, is combative and sometimes perky. He raises the fre of the members, and consequently has more questions and more supplementaries to answer than any other Minister. Why should we spare one who throws down the gauntlet so defiantly?

Mr. Churchill is very much the Chancellor of the Exchequer where financial questions are concerned. But if any

". . . he would even dare to abolish Sunday newspapers."

matter of policy is opened up he dons the mantle of Napoleon.

If he doesn't agree with the point of view suggested by the questioner—may heaven help him! Winston won't! His chief weapon is a fiendishly frightening frown. Sometimes it is effective. Mostly not so.

The present Government's great majority is, in itself, a danger, and we already see the beginnings of considerable "Caves" appearing in the Conservative Party.

THE duty of a Member of Parliament when his Party is in office is "to make a House, keep a House and cheer the Government," and not to speak himself. As this is apt to pall after a time, Satan finds some evil work for idle hands to do (from the Whips' point of view).

Out of very boredom, especially if the majority is great and the Opposition weak, the Conservative back-benchers are sure to begin some gentle plotting and intriguing among themselves.

Where the carcass is, there the eagles are gathered together, and if there is any intriguing we will not find Messrs. Churchill and Lloyd George far away. These two statesmen are past-masters of the art of political plotting, and it is very significant that both have been mixing with private members of all parties.

When we find Mr. Churchill in the smoking room surrounded by an admiring group, or Mr. Lloyd George dining at a table with a number of private members, we know there is something doing.

The much-heralded debate on Mr. Macquisten's Bill on the Trade Union Political Fund takes place on Friday of this week.

Mr. Macquisten is a Glasgow lawyer, noted for his dry humour and his strong Sabbatarian views. He would even go so far, if he had his way, as to abolish all Sunday newspapers, not because they contain accounts of divorces and other scandals, but because it is sinful to read newspapers on the Sabbath!

But he doesn't know anything about Trade Unions. At present the man who "contracts out" is marked with a red pencil. If this Bill passes into law, the man who does not "contract in" will be marked with a blue pencil, and no one can see the difference.

LAST week the Workmen's Compensation Bill was introduced by Mr. Cape, M.P. for Workington, a very conscientious and hard-working member of the Labour Party, who has specialised in coal mining questions affecting the workers.

Tom Cape is a miner's agent who started work at the age of 13, and is a prominent Methodist local preacher.

The principal provision of the Bill is an increase of the amount paid to the widows and orphans of workmen killed at their work, and this is also made applicable to a widower who loses his wife.

This latter section is of importance in view of the number of disabled ex-Service men whose wives contribute to the family budget.

The Government opposed this Bill as a matter of course, egged on by the big business interests in the House of Commons, using the plea that they are going to do something themselves instead.

This is going to be Mr. Baldwin's general excuse for doing nothing. When other parties bring in measures he will always say that the Government will act.

". . . the mantle of Napoleon."

We rapidly found ourselves led into a jungle of legal subtleties on the drafting of the Bill by three prominent lawyer members in the persons of Sir Henry Slesser, Mr. Harney and Mr. Greaves Lord, in which the human side of the Bill became obscure.

Cartoonettes and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND

If rumour's true there's something new
In wireless "on the hooks,"
A wondrous thing that's going to bring
Us messages from spooks.

A nasty job it is to rob
A bulldog of his bone,
And Baldwin thinks that such a task
Is better left alone.

Night after night this worn-out wight
Has got to bear the brunt
Of lifting weights (a thing he hates!)
In this new "Strong Man" stunt.

The Sentence of the Court

Bricks and Tricks

by HARRISON OWEN

IN opening the case against Mr. Neville Chamberlain, M.P., charged with breach of promise in that he failed to redeem his pledge to deal with the building rings, Mr. Watchdog, K.C., said: "It is all very well for the Government to assert that houses cannot be conjured up out of thin air, but neither can they be created out of hot air, and unless the accused instead of making speeches, makes a thorough investigation of the great brick mystery, the cry of the homeless will continue loud in the land."

"Nearly two years ago," continued Mr. Watchdog, "the accused announced that he was 'watching' the rings, and apparently, he is still 'watching' while we are still waiting. Meanwhile members of the Government have been belabouring workers in the building trades and suggesting that houses would be built but for the shortage of bricklayers.

"The reply to this, furnished by Mr. George Hicks, secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers, is that his union is paying hundreds of pounds weekly in unemployment benefit to bricklayers who are being stood off because no bricks are available. Mr. Hicks suggests that the master builders do not complain of a shortage of bricks for fear that the trusts will cut off their supplies.

"Whether this is true I am unable to say, but what we do know is that bricks now cost 128 per cent. above pre-war price, and it is exceedingly doubtful if prices could be kept at this level unless production was being kept down."

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MR. STRAWSPLITTER stated that his client had used all his eloquence to induce everybody to work together in solving the housing problem, but it was useless to urge manufacturers to make more bricks if there was not labour to lay them.

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"THE prisoner might have achieved better results," remarked Mr. Justice Bull, "if, instead of using his eloquence he had used his official powers to bring unemployed bricklayers and unsold bricks into juxtaposition.

"That bricks should remain unsold at their present price of 83s. 6d. (compared with 26s. 6d. in 1914) is not remarkable, nor is it difficult to believe that thousands of bricklayers are out of work when the raw material of their trade is obtainable only at such fabulous cost.

"Some of the conditions demanded by the building trade unions may be unreasonable, but a person like the prisoner who has lived for so long in a glass-house should be the last to throw bricks of rhetoric. Instead of watching the ring this 'promising' politician should undertake the role of ringmaster; otherwise he will continue to look a very sick Health Minister.

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"The sentence of the Court is that unless the prisoner forthwith comes down upon the buildings combine like a ton of bricks, he shall himself be presented with the brick of derision propelled by the strong arm of public indignation."

ROB PETER—PAY PAUL!

"COMPETITION means progress," says this learned Frenchman. He proceeds to warn his own protectionist country against Protection

by Professor CHAS. RICHET,
Author of "Idiot Man."
Translated by Norah Forsythe and Lloyd Harvey.

MEN are, if possible, more devoid of the most elementary common-sense in regard to commerce and trade than in any other matter.

In certain countries there are coal-mines; in others iron, copper or lead; some countries are covered with dense forests, others are surrounded by fisheries; others have splendid pastures for large herds. According to soil and climate, different regions are suitable for the cultivation of beetroots or corn, rice or grapes, olives or dates, bananas or coffee, flax or cotton. There are manufacturing nations and others which are exclusively agricultural.

Every individual, even of average intelligence, would simply come to this conclusion: that it is better to leave the task of producing oil to the countries with oil-fields, and the raising of stock to the countries with good pasture.

But this conclusion would be far too rational, so they have invented something else.

And in fact, any country whatever, provided it is fairly large and that the climate is not too severe, can produce a little coal, a little wine, and a little corn.

The mulberry bush

It is true that, in these cases, the coal is scarce, the grapes hardly ripen, the corn is poor. That makes no difference. The natives say, "Above all we must protect our national industries." And then they levy prohibitive duties on imported coal, corn and wines, in order to get a better price for their own coal, corn and wine.

The countries which possess only small mines of bad coal, very costly to produce, say to the country rich in excellent coal, "You could send us coal at forty francs, but then our collieries would be ruined. We don't want them to be ruined. As they can only produce wretched coal at fifty francs, we will impose a tax of twenty francs on your good coal; so that in our home trade people will only have the choice between the villainous national coal at fifty francs and the splendid foreign coal at sixty francs."

Self-confessed inferiority

Thanks to protection the protected countries are unable to compete with their neighbours. *They have decreed their own commercial inferiority.*

But, all the same, there is one great compensation for this general distress. It is that the producers of bad coal make huge fortunes in their own country. They benefit enormously by protection. So the moment there is any question of lowering the duties, they are up in arms with cries of rage and despair.

The nation which produces plenty of coal is dissatisfied. It successfully plans reprisals. "Aha! you tax my coal! . . . All right! I will tax your wines!"

And that is how by a very simple system, harmful to two nations and delightful to a few coal owners and vine growers, the people of A pay too much for their coal.

Consumption diminishes, and the standard of living goes down. A exports less coal, and B exports less wine. All is well; the people suffer, but the mine owners and the big wine merchants are enchanted.

All protection encourages a lack of initiative. A manufacturer, protected against the influx of foreign goods, won't be such a fool as to renew his machinery, improve his processes, and increase his production.

Protection puts a premium on slipshod work; protection encourages indolence; protection is an aid to inefficiency; protection favours one citizen at the expense of ten thousand.

Prof. Richet, the eminent French savant.

Men have a horror of logic: it is their bugbear. If they were logical, they would put the case thus: "Our national industries are either better or worse than foreign ones. If they are better, why protect them since their success is assured? If worse, why encourage inefficiency?"

To surround a country with a barrier of protection is to encourage idleness and to create artificial conditions. If you want to help your countrymen, spur them on to better work instead of supporting mediocrity. Let us protect the consumer!

It will be much more advantageous than protecting the producer; for there are a thousand consumers to every producer. If the latter can only prosper on condition that they are protected against more skilful competitors, they deserve no assistance.

Without protection the price of all provisions would be real and not fictitious. Above all, living would be cheap. Each country would produce the goods to which it is suited.

How pleasant to slumber in the security of a protective monopoly, like a mite in a huge cheese. "Stamp out competition" is the motto of all tradesmen.

Let us go further still. Let us try to probe the depths of human thought. All men's actions spring from this one idea that they must separate, instead of uniting; quarrel instead of helping each other; fight—individual against individual, family against family, nation against nation.

Afraid of Man Friday

These poor men all have common relentless enemies whose fury rages unceasingly; parasites, microbes and diseases; extremes of heat and cold. They must all have shelter, clothing and food. They have darling vices which can only be satisfied by dint of toil.

But no! their first aim is to organise themselves into different groups, large or small, who try to avoid knowing each other, and who do their utmost to injure each other.

"Here's a stranger! heave a brick at him," is the order of the day everywhere.

Robinson Crusoe lived happily on his island. He had his umbrella, his dog and his hut. One day he saw a man's footprints on the sands. Instantly terror seized him. "What! A man! A man here in my island? Then it's all up with me!"

Robinson Crusoe's mental attitude is that of all human beings.

Back to Barbarism

We are spending on war materials and Services fifty per cent. more than we spent before the last war.

by ARTHUR PONSONBY, M.P. (*Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the Labour Government*)

WE *talk* of Leagues of Nations, protocols, and even disarmament conferences, but what do we *do*? So far as this country is concerned, we have most of the figures for this year before us. Yet there will be grumbling. Our Air Force is even now only going to be raised to a quarter of that of our nearest neighbour. There will be complaint if the programme of cruisers is not more ample and any suggestion of a reduction on the Army will be scouted.

THE war was fought, so we were told, to crush militarism, but there are many more men under arms now than before the war, navies with their submarines are more powerful, and the air-arm, which was practically non-existent twelve years ago, has by far the most threatening engine of destruction. The manufacture of shells is within recent months proceeding more rapidly in this country, and with regard to poison gas, apparently, we have nothing to learn.

All this murderous preparation might not be so alarming if we could see in Europe a real and sincere disposition for conciliation and a determination on the part of our Government to take the lead in eliminating from the minds of nations the whole basic idea of settling disputes by means of force.

Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, M.P.

But we find them, on the contrary, reviving the establishment of a naval base at Singapore, shaking the mailed fist at the unfortunate Egyptians, snubbing and cold-shouldering the Russians, and returning to the discarded method of dictating to Germany and encouraging the excesses of French nationalism which were subsiding.

Mr. Chamberlain and his Under-Secretary may journey to Geneva as often as they like, but we shall not be impressed so long as the policy they are pursuing ignores so completely the conciliatory spirit by which alone international problems can be solved.

One thing we have learned that armament preparation leads to armament competition, and armament competition must lead, sooner or later, to war.

Let the believers in force carry their argument to its logical conclusion. To have only a quarter of the Air Force of our Continental neighbour is dangerous in the extreme. We should quadruple it, or better still follow the principle of "two keels to one," and have "four wings to two." Should we then be safe?

WHEN will they learn that security increases in inverse ratio to the amount spent on armaments?

It is the Governments of Europe who cannot be trusted, and they, in their turn, shackled and bound by impossible treaty obligations and thrown into dissension with their neighbours over ill-drawn frontier delimitations, can take no risks. They arm themselves and the Western Powers, through their armament firms help to arm others, and the mad competition begins, and, indeed, is now already in full swing.

The people meanwhile, distracted in various degrees by their distressing conditions, assume a fatalistic attitude of resignation. War has been; war will come again; no one can stop it. Its costliness, its cruelty and its futility count for nothing.

A PROTEST here and there against excessive expenditure can be disregarded. "Safety first" is a telling cry and no one pauses to consider whether the method recommended will produce safety at all.

A hundred and eleven millions is a large sum of money; and yet it is safe to say that after a few debates Parliament will sanction this colossal expenditure and more if the Government wish them to, and the nation will not be allowed to realise that it is well launched down the slippery slope which leads to fresh disaster.

Will some one tear the bandage from the people's eyes?

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To HIS MAJESTY, THE KING,
Buckingham Palace.

YOUR MAJESTY,—The hearts of your subjects have moved in sympathy with you in your recent illness. They are deeply sensible of the debt they owe to you for your unremitting labours for the welfare of the State, and they have learned with great relief of your partial recovery. In the troubled period through which the nation has passed during your reign you have made the Throne a wonderful symbol of service for the common weal. In sailing for a milder climate in which to recuperate your strength you will carry with you the affectionate good wishes of your people and their earnest hopes for your complete restoration to health and speedy return.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P.,
10, Downing Street.

MY DEAR PREMIER, — When you see the Lobbies of the House of Commons filled with manufacturers eager to have "safeguarding" applied to them before the country gets on to their little games, don't forget that I warned you. Already the Light Castings Association has applied to have baths put on the list—the only article whose price they dare not advance because of the foreign competition. It is your clear duty to see that in theoretically safeguarding harassed British industries you do not in practice create still more monopolies. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. A. W. BARKER,
St. Mary's, Southwark.

DEAR SIR,—In boldly declaring the public-houses of this country to be "better places in every way than the rotten housing that most of our people have to make their homes in" you have put your finger on the sorest spot in the whole evil of over-indulgence in drinking. To lecture people on the iniquity of spending a social hour or two in brightly lit, cleanly surroundings, while their only alternative is a fetid, foul, and over-crowded slum, is not religion but hypocrisy. I am glad, not merely that you are an anti-prohibitionist, but a plain-spoken anti-humbug.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. WINSTON CHURCHILL, M.P.,
Chancellor of the Exchequer.

DEAR SIR,—For once I find myself in agreement with the Federation of British Industries. The proffered debt settlement with France, they say, "pushes concession to the extreme limits of prudence, and involves permanent sacrifices by this country of so serious a character that they can only be justified if they create within a short period the stability of general conditions necessary to an expansion of British trade." The British taxpayer is paying 1s. 11d. in the £ in order that the French and Italian taxpayers may be excused from paying—we are steadily subsidising our trade competitors. Evolve another plan without loss of time. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P.,
Minister of Health.

DEAR SIR,—I draw your attention to the case of the Paddington Borough Council. They wished to instal electric light in six houses they had built, but, says the chairman, "the bureaucrats told them that they were workman's houses, and therefore they must instal gas" Such obstructive methods confirm my opinion that there is a great deal too much gas on all sides. Cut the red tape and all the talk and build houses. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir A. STEEL-MAITLAND, M.P.,
Minister of Labour.

SIR,—I learn with astonishment that you have appointed to the vacant post of branch manager of the Leominster Employment Exchange, a local solicitor in full practice who is also deputy coroner for North Herefordshire. It is incredible that there was not a suitable person to fill the office except one whose time must be well occupied with other profitable interests. What sincerity can there be in your oft-repeated cry to business firms to employ needy ex-Service men when your own Department is staffed in this manner? JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Sir WM. JOYNSON-HICKS,
Home Secretary.

SIR,—In France, America, and Russia a vigorous combing out of British born criminals is in progress and we are continually being compelled to receive back undesirables who are convicted abroad. Meanwhile, these countries resist reciprocity by refusing to acknowledge as their nationals many crooks who seek refuge here. As things are at present, Britain is in danger of becoming a refuse dump for the world's worst characters.

JOHN BULL.

To Lord HENRY CAVENDISH-BENTINCK, M.P.,
House of Commons.

DEAR SIR,—It is gratifying to learn that there is at least one Member of Parliament who is alive to the urgency of cutting the cackle and getting down to the 'osses. It was, indeed, time for someone to stand up and tell the Government that it was all very well to talk about social policy at election time, but that which was wanted was something more definite and more positive in the House of Commons. The House cheered you. So do I.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. ALDERMAN HAYWARD,
Chairman, Burslem Police Court.

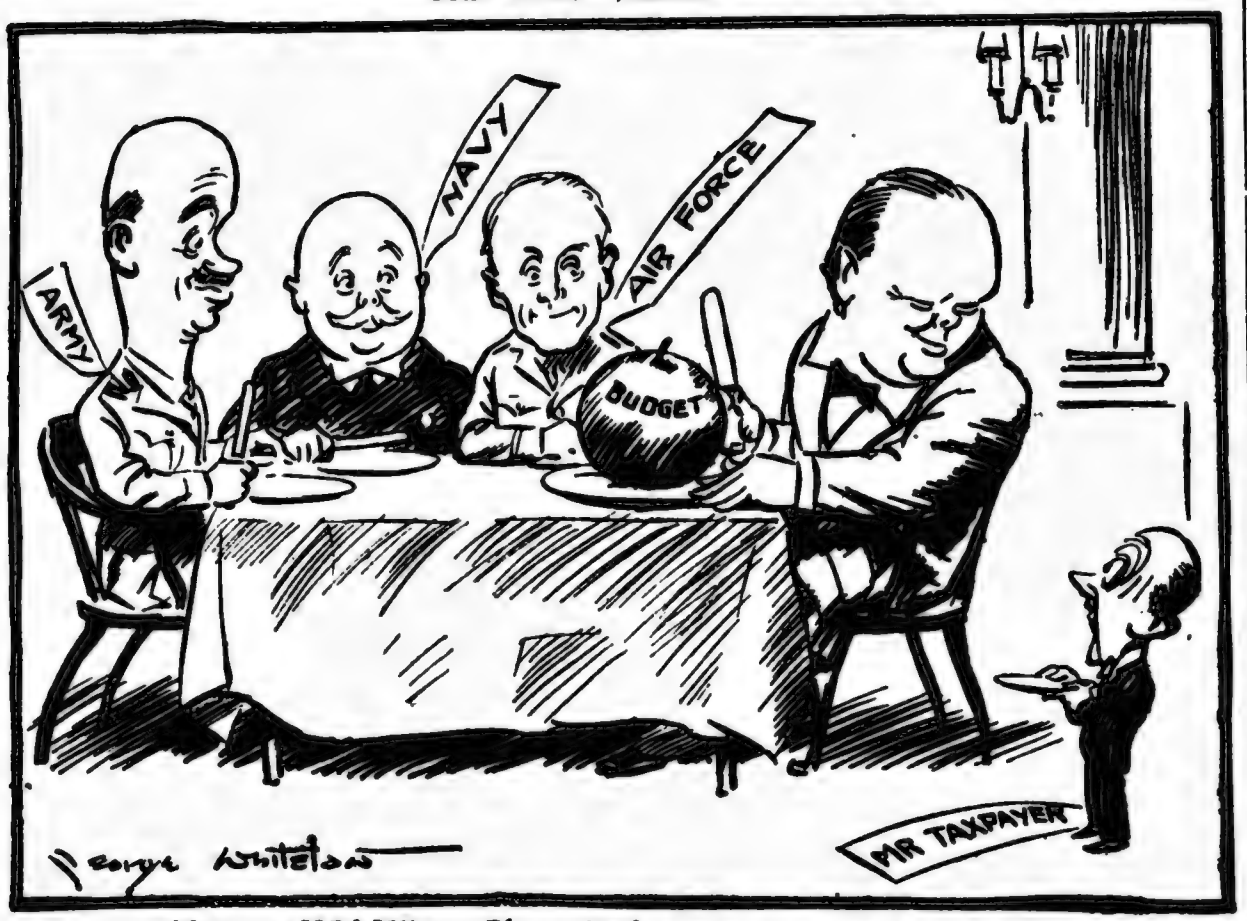
SIR,—The scandal of motor-'bus drivers racing each other is becoming a grave danger to public safety. The other day you had before you a driver, named Arthur Haycock, of 21, Victoria Street, Tunstall, who was driving a 'bus in such a dangerous manner that he knocked down an old man about to board a tramcar, and scattered several other people. Although you regarded the case as a very serious one, you fined Haycock the monstrous sum of £2. Thus justice is done!

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. WILBUR,
U.S. Secretary for the Navy.

DEAR SIR,—I have heard some arguments for armaments in my time, but your latest utterance takes my breath away. "For a wealthy nation like the United States to disarm," you say, "would be a crime against God and man." It is as well, perhaps, to have it put on record that armies and navies exist to protect wealth: we ought in future to hear less of national "honour" as an excuse for warmongering. The real crime against God and man is for the people to allow such irresponsible statesmen as yourself to lead the nations blindfold to the new Armageddon.

JOHN BULL.



MR. TAXPAYER: "Please, Dad, give me the core of that apple."
WINSTON: "There ain't going to be no core!"

Straight from the Shoulder

LORD EUSTACE PERCY:—"I think the English educational system superior to any I know of in any other country."

Then it's up to you to fight those proposed cuts in the estimates.

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MR. C. T. CRAMP:—"Railwaymen are not going to submit tamely to reductions."

Nor the public to constant railway ructions.

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MR. MACQUISTEN, M.P.:—"Before twenty-five young people ought to be thinking about each other and not about politics."

Will you risk bringing in a Bill to disfranchise young men of twenty-one?

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THE DEAN OF MANCHESTER:—"Picture palaces have been one means of reducing drunkenness."

Then support your opinion by advocating Sunday opening.

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ALDERMAN M. KEATLEY MOORE:—"Football is a curse, and the pictures are the absolute curse."

Only a man unable to refrain from making an ass of himself would talk such rot.

Without Fear or Favour

A NATION OF DUNCES

The "Shock" Age

A PROPER organisation of electrical power would be a miracle working reform. Cheap power, cheap transit, cheap light and heat in the home, are but a few of the boons that would follow if only the Government could be persuaded to harness this "white magic" to the nation's needs.

We are told that Ministers are "considering the question." All Governments are ready at all times to "consider" anything.

Meanwhile, the municipalities are moving. Leicester leads.

Thanks to go-ahead municipal enterprise Leicester has become a city of electrified factories and homes. Whereas the local gas undertaking showed a loss of £4 on last year's working, the electricity supply made a profit of £20,000.

This result was not due to high charges, for the consumer paid only a penny a unit!

No wonder factories have abolished gas and steam engines, and substituted electrical power.

The Leicester housewife does her cooking, boils her water, washes her clothes, and irons them by electricity. It is cheap and easy, quick and clean.

What Leicester has so successfully done all England may do. Literally, the towns and villages can be galvanised into new life.

Vested interests, of course, will have to be fought and eliminated. But why should vested interests be allowed to block the path of sane progress and scientific reform?

The electrical age is here. The country is waiting for bold action by the Government which shall open the door of an era of industrial efficiency and domestic convenience such as has never yet been known.

Bigamy made Easy

NO crime has increased of late years to the same extent as bigamy. The Courts deal on an average with twenty cases a week; and no more than a fraction of the total number of these offences come within the purview of the law.

Yet bigamy could easily be prevented. The machinery for its prevention has been allowed to rust.

We are not getting anything like full value for the elaborate system of registration of marriages which is maintained by Act of Parliament at enormous cost.

Enquiries are supposed to be made when notice of marriage is given; but in practice there are no enquiries. If proper enquiries were made bigamy would be the rarest instead of the commonest of crimes.

At present we make bigamy easy. Official inertia smooths the path of the criminal, and robs honest men and women of the protection the law was designed to afford.

The costly machinery of the register office should be properly used, or scrapped.

If it were properly used, we should hear no more, for one thing, of those bogus marriages to alien women made for the purpose of securing the status of a British citizen.

Moulding the Mob Mind

WHENEVER economy is mentioned the short-sighted ruler always thinks of education as the first victim. We urge Mr. Baldwin to play the statesman and lay the firm foundations of the country's future

SOME weeks ago we warned our readers that in the general demand for economy there lurked the danger that social reform and education would be the chief sufferers.

To-day our prophecy is on the point of becoming fact. The "economists" are in full cry after the people's schools, and the whole upward trend of education is in danger of receiving a serious set-back.

Lord Eustace Percy, Minister for Education.

Yet the whole future of the nation depends on the efficiency of its teachers, and on the impregnable nature of the intellectual fortresses that they guard.

The future battles of our nation will be more than ever battles of brains. Commercial supremacy with its resultant prosperity is the prize for which all nations must strive if they are to live.

Every penny spent on education is an investment that will in due course pay heavy dividends. America, Switzerland, Holland and Germany are far ahead of Great Britain in their knowledge of this fact. We cannot afford to lag behind. There is no more certain fact than that we shall have to stand or fall within the next twenty years on the quality of the education now being given to our children. And the quality is, at present, sadly too low.

THERE is little doubt that before the end of the present Parliament we shall see universal suffrage at the age of twenty-one. Why should we not? Politicians do not fear an extension of the suffrage—so long as the mind expressed in the votes is the mob mind!

The mob mind, sensational, short-sighted, credulous and uncritical, represents no true will of the people. It represents merely an unintelligent mass of inflammable material, set alight at a touch by the mob orator or the more calculating politician.

No wonder politicians sleep peacefully at nights, so long as education can be hindered and curtailed!

An educated people, a mass-mind that can reason and resist specious appeals to passion, that will refuse to be fobbed off with political shams and makeshifts, is an ever-present nightmare to place-seekers and professional politicians.

Rarely before has this nation armed a Prime Minister with such powers as Mr. Baldwin possesses. There is plenty of real waste on which the Government's zeal for economy can be exercised. There is no need to begin by stunting the minds of the growing generation.

He should, on the contrary, see to it that the status of the teachers is raised, that they are recognised for what they are—the guardians of the nation's future, the cultivators of our civic sense. They are the bulwarks against which the influences that now threaten to overwhelm civilisation would beat in vain, were the teachers honoured instead of being despised and economically degraded.

LET him equalise educational opportunity until there is a broad road from the elementary school to the University for any boy with the courage and ability to tread it.

Let him remove the reproach of common schooling that rests heavily at the level needed for the clerk and the shop assistant, and make a liberal education the minimum and not the maximum that the State expects of her citizens.

And let him rid education of the snobbery of false values that at present make the word "democracy" stink in the nostrils of all decent men.

Else will the people who gave him his power exact a heavy reckoning when the day of accounting comes.

Tearless Wembley

ALONE in the Press John Bull last year called attention to the shameful sweating of the Lyons' waitresses at the numerous cafés and restaurants at the Wembley Exhibition. The official excuse then was that the Government had taken over only just before the public opening, and that the Colonial Office had no authority to interfere with the wages paid.

This year a binding guarantee should be exacted from every firm holding concessions at Wembley that the wages paid shall conform to decent standards, and that all proper requirements for rest and health shall be observed.

That a great many employees at the 1924 Wembley, both men and women, were shamefully underpaid is now an admitted fact. Only by degrees has the truth come to light.

The conditions were such as would not have been tolerated for a single moment in any shop or factory outside. Only one firm out of the many which employed girls and women provided a rest-room, and for the use of this a deduction was made from wages.

For the mass of female workers no such convenience existed. After long hours of ill-paid labour tired women had to set off upon the journey home in circumstances which imposed a cruel strain upon their health.

It will be a scandal if last year's abuses are permitted to recur. The aim of the Government must be to make this year's Exhibition a thorough-going success, but there is more than the outside of the platter to be made clean.

Sweated labour consorts ill with pride of Empire. Will Ministers assure us that this year we shall have a Wembley without tears?

Hero Hanks

ONE of the bravest men alive is Mr. N. C. Hanks, an American lecturer, who is shortly coming to England.

At the age of twenty-one Mr. Hanks was the victim of an explosion which left him blind and with both hands blown off. After months in hospital he came back home to find his employment gone.

But Mr. Hanks looked Fate in the face and laughed. The blow that would crush many nerved him to almost superhuman efforts.

In a few years he gained an international reputation as an interpreter of Shakespeare. He has memorised more than 40,000 words merely by hearing them read to him.

And he lectures on *Optimism!*

What a lesson to the pessimists and grumblers, the Weary Willies and Dismal Jimmies, the never-smilers of whom every country has its share.

The dauntless heroism of Mr. Hanks cries aloud to us to take our coats off, and prove our mettle in the fight for a better, brighter world.

It shows that "impossible" is a word that has no meaning to a real man. Coats off! Let us buckle down to the job at hand.

Saturday Night Battles!

HAS the patience of our womenfolk given out? Are they reaping the whirlwind from the wind sown by the politicians? If so, they may easily attain to a very dangerous mood.

by "A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"

Viscount Astor, Chairman of the National Baby Week Council.

A BRASS turner, living in the neighbourhood of Sunderland, has written me a letter, which might very usefully be read aloud in the House of Commons. Its bitterness is pardonable, its violence merely on the surface, its cry of pain genuine and most pitiful.

This brass turner begins with the quotation, "Civilisation rests upon the patience of the poor," and tells me that up in the North this historic patience is wearing perilously thin. Why? Because the struggle to make two ends meet has got upon the nerves of the womenfolk.

He writes: "I tell you, sir, calmly and coolly, that if our wives could lay hands on the people responsible for the recent rise in food prices, they would stone them down to the dockside, fling them in, and watch them drown."

The working-man's wife, he tells me, can grasp "grub facts" quicker than any other facts of life, and knows to a farthing how far her man's wages go. Four months ago, "under a vilified Labour Government," a two-pound baker's loaf cost fourpence; to-day, "under a stable Union Jack Government," that doctored and innutritious two-pound loaf costs sixpence.

Our bright lasses, he says, feel that they were bamboozled at the last election, and now, disillusioned and embittered, they are grappling with the grub facts of life in a spirit that is dangerously exasperated. Their nerves are giving way under the struggle to keep head above water.

Mother and Child

Let us look at this matter from two points of view, neither of them political. Let us consider the cruel struggle of these hundreds of thousands of harried mothers from the point of view of science and the point of view of religion.

Science tells us that mental worry is fatal to physical health. In the case of a man it is bad enough, but in the case of a woman carrying a child it is absolutely pernicious.

A woman in this condition should be guarded and protected from all anxiety—not only for her own sake, but for the sake of the child. Not only should her mind be free from care, but her eyes should be directed away from everything sordid and distracting.

She should be well nourished; she should never over-exert herself; and she should be encouraged to feed her mind with restful and beautiful ideas.

This is the view of science, which has discovered for us that a child born of an ill-nourished mother seldom escapes grave constitutional weakness, while a child born of a mother whose mind is tortured by sordid anxieties often ends its miserable life in a lunatic asylum.

"Grub Facts" of Life

Religion's view of the matter is equally important. In all its numerous forms religion teaches that absorption in material things is fatal to spiritual life. We cannot, try as we may, serve God and Mammon. The mind cannot give itself up to "grub facts" and spiritual truths at one and the same time. If the soul is to function, man must not live like a hungry wolf.

Science and religion preach the same gospel, and that gospel is simply the result of long human experience. What we are attempting to do, then, is nothing more nor less than to break the laws of nature and to live unnatural lives outside the radius of human experience.

For the great mass of people in this country, life is a never-ending battle with the "grub facts" of economic circumstance. For an overwhelming majority of the women of the country, the child-bearers of our nation, life is now nothing else but a fight for the last sixpence on Saturday night.

Sowing to Reap

What crop do we expect to gather from such a sowing? Every man who is not a fool knows that we can reap only what we sow, and that figs never have grown, and never will grow, on thistles.

What kind of manhood, then, does the intelligent Briton expect in the next generation of his imperial race? What order of creature does he look to see springing from the loins of millions of harried and exasperated slum mothers whose whole thought is governed by fear of "grub facts"? If he is in any doubt of an answer, let him take counsel with a doctor.

My brass turner rails against the Conservative Government, and would attempt, I think, to fill me with fear that revolution may suddenly supplant it with a Government of Communists. But he is a man, quite evidently, of great intelligence, and this threat soon dwindles away, as if he himself saw how absurd it is to saddle Mr. Baldwin with the increased charges of the baker.

A new note sounds in his letter. "I hope, sir, that you will read thus far, as I write this in deadly earnest and every word is true and carefully thought out. You cannot be expected to know the sufferings of the poor. No one knows but the poor themselves."

And then, as if sick of politics, and as if he sees in a flash of illumination the only way of national safety, he quotes the saying of Charles Dickens, "We are all fellow-passengers to the grave," and asks how long it will be before those who have knowledge and riches come to the rescue of the desperate and hard-pressed poor, helping to make that journey to the grave less cruel and less dangerous.

Sympathy, human sympathy—ah, that is our need, and that alone can save us from destruction.

"Poor people in the main," he says, "do not attend church because they have come to realise that to tell a man living in one room that, if he behaves himself, he will get a mansion in the skies when he is dead is mockery in its cruellest form."

What the poor want more than anything else is the feeling that those who are not poor care for them, and that the whole intelligence and energy of the nation are earnestly directed to the uplifting of their lives.

Shame of Living Conditions

The only religion in which they will believe is the religion of realistic neighbourliness, and that is the aspect of Christ's teaching which the Church must proclaim up and down the country, in season and out of season, if she is not to lose the faith and affection of the British people.

Shameful beyond the power of language to express is the condition in which the innumerable masses of the British people now live their lives, and that condition cannot be changed by politicians of any school until the conscience of the whole nation is awakened to the terrible nature of its sin in leaving things as they are. Brotherhood must come if we are not to perish.

Every day the choice between Brotherhood and Anarchy moves to a decision which will settle the destinies of the country for a generation, perhaps for ever. It is not possible that the present state of indecision should continue much longer. "Where women are despised it is useless to pray to God."

THE SEVEN S

Are breach-of-promise cases blackmail?

DESPITE the entrance of woman into every profession and every branch of industry as a competitor with man, it is still implied by British juries that matrimony is her natural means of livelihood, and that if she has once succeeded in inducing a man to enter into a contract of marriage with her she is entitled to compensation if he break it off, however reasonable may be the causes that led to his change of mind.

There was one case lately where the lady wrote to her swain that if he wrote to her again she would return the letter unopened, as she wished to have nothing more to do with him or his family.

The lady's brother being called to give evidence, remarked of his sister: "She's a regular bad one, and if you give her six months' hard labour it will do her good."

Yet the jury decided that the man affianced to the lady must pay damages for declining to bind them both to a life of assured and inevitable wretchedness.

In another recent case the Judge commented in terms extremely uncomplimentary to the lady, who claimed damages for breach of promise. He pointed out to the jury that at the time when the man proposed he had been indulging in "excessive libations of spirituous liquors"; that, when the engagement was broken off, the lady consoled herself, though she was "heartbroken and in a state of collapse," by ordering goods at the man's expense; that "this lady of ancient lineage talked about being in the soup and about the blasted moneylenders," and instead of returning the man's presents, pawned them.

Mr.

Finally Mr. Justice Avory asked them to say "whether this was a case of a man who when making a marriage proposal was in a state of erotic alcoholic imbecility," and pointedly suggested that if they thought the plaintiff "had been more than adequately compensated for any injury that had been done to her, they would express it in the shape of one of the small coins of the realm." Yet the jury decided that the man must pay £500 damages.

In yet another claim the lady had directly asked the defendant—a police inspector—for an engagement ring, and he had answered that "he would consider it."

In this case the Judge fortunately held that there was no case to go to the jury, and the gallant gentlemen in the box were therefore prevented from penalising the man, according to custom, for daring to back out of a "holy state" of lifelong wrangling and misery.

The practice is almost invariable. A jury of men, ignoring the tremendous change which has

Paraffin to put out Fire!

TO enable the battered form of British trade to stagger to its feet, perfect freedom is needed. There must be no restriction either from Trade Unions or Parliament, otherwise recovery will be retarded.

by A. G. GARDINER

The Rt. Hon. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade.

THAT old and sound saying, "Too many cooks spoil the broth," might be applied to-day to trade. Too many political theorists are playing the dickens with trade. It is agreed that trade is in a bad way and that it does not show much signs of picking up.

There are many reasons for the fact with which by this time we ought all to be familiar—the dislocation of world trade due to the war, the collapse in the currencies which obstructs buying and selling, profiteering in food and raw materials, the heavy taxation, the cost of armaments and so on.

All of these things are curable with time and good sense, and if we do not perish in the meanwhile, the clouds will pass and the sun shine again.

There are symptoms that we are getting back to sanity. Mr. Churchill, for example, has stopped the clamours of the Admiralty for more millions for more unnecessary ships. That is a notable victory for common sense and economy.

It does not go far enough. In the present state of the world, with the German navy gone and with the British Navy infinitely superior to all the rest of the fleets in Europe put together, there ought to be, not merely a check to extravagance, but a progressive decline in expenditure.

We could with absolute safety knock off in the course of the next four or five years, twenty millions in the cost of the Navy, or the equivalent of not far short of 6d. in the income tax—still leaving the cost greater than it was before the war when the German navy was in being.

Getting down to Realities

In the next place we have got through the "Hats off to France" insanity. Even Lord Rothermere's gramophones have been set to a new tune, and the Federation of British Industries is appealing to Mr. Churchill to tell France that the British taxpayer cannot go on paying 7d. in the £ on the income tax in order to meet the interest on the money we lent to France.

This is all to the good. We are coming out of the clouds and getting down to realities.

But we are not coming down fast enough, and in some directions we are still going up. I have in past weeks dealt with the trust octopuses that are bleeding the consumer white, as in the case of the National Light Castings Trust to which I referred last week. But it is not only Capital that is strangling industry by its exactions. Labour is doing the same thing.

Thugs of Capitalism

We cannot get houses for the people to live in not merely because the capitalistic thug has got a stranglehold on material, but also because Labour won't put up the houses itself and won't let anybody else put them up.

What is the sense of the Maxtons and Johnsons cursing the capitalistic octopus while they have an octopus in their own ranks equally mischievous and anti-social? It is as fair to say that the 40,000 families in one room apiece in Glasgow are there as much by the selfishness of Labour as by the selfishness of Capital.

And then turn to that precious theorist, Mr. A. J. Cook, the secretary of the Miners' Federation, the "humble follower of Lenin," who, in pursuit of his crazy political incendiarism, is preaching war in the coal trade and trying to drag transport workers at the tail of his fiery chariot.

I am as eager for the reconstruction of the coal industry of this country on a modern basis in the interest of the miners *and of the consumer* as anyone, and I have argued the case for such a reconstruction repeatedly. But war is not reconstruction. War never reconstructed anything. War burns and kills and destroys, but it does not build. And the chief victims of war are always the workers.

Haven't the Cooks had enough war casualties in their ranks to satisfy their blood-thirstiness? Are they so ignorant that they do not know the causes of the catastrophe in the coal trade, or are they so reckless that they do not care so long as they can exploit their silly theories, win the leadership by their extravagances, and bring their followers to destruction as they have been brought before?

There is no mystery about the depression in the coal trade. The devastations of the war, the reparation coal poured into France, the competition of water power on land, the rivalry of oil at sea, the high cost of living at home—these are the causes, open and palpable, of the slump in the coal trade. War will not cure them. War will make conditions a hundred times worse. Peace, as Mr. Hodges says, is the only remedy—peace and a policy of wise action, goodwill and fair play all round.

Uncomfortable Tranquillity

Or turn to Mr. Wheatley, who is making a bid for the leadership of the Labour Party and the overthrow of the MacDonald-Snowden-Thomas moderation. He and Mr. Johnson are airing their political theories at the expense of British industry, and the Protectionists in the Conservative ranks are welcoming these firebrands as their allies.

Give us Protection, say the capitalistic manufacturers, who want to keep out the cheap goods from abroad and squeeze the consumer in tranquillity at home. Give us Protection, says Mr. Tom Johnson, the Labour member for Dundee, so that we can keep out the products of sweated labour from abroad.

Of the two motives for Protection, I am prepared to admit that Mr. Johnson's is the more reputable. I hate sweating and can claim to have done as much as Mr. Johnson to stop it in this country through the Trade Boards Act which was promoted by the Anti-Sweating League of which I was chairman. I hope the time will come when there will be universal and just conditions of labour over the whole world, but I am not foolish enough to think that by shutting out the goods of Japan or any other country we shall change the conditions of labour there.

An Avenue to Insanity

What will Lancashire say if Mr. Johnson and his fellow theorists refuse to allow American cotton to come into this country because the labour conditions in the cotton fields do not conform to the British standard? What will the steel workers say if we keep out Spanish ores because the Spanish workman has to work excessive hours for a sweated wage?

This way insanity lies. It is doctrinairism run mad. If we are to wait until every country in the world has adopted our standard of wages, work and living before we allow them to send us anything they produce, we shall not redeem British industry. We shall bury it past hope of resurrection. And the first person to go into the grave will be the British workman.

What our trade needs, if it is to be allowed to recover, is freedom. Let the political cooks take their hands off industry and give it breathing space and a chance to live.

SWEETHEARTS

by ALEX. M. THOMPSON ("Dangle")

taken place in the social position of women and the economic relationship of the sexes since actions for breach of promise were legalised nearly two hundred years ago, instinctively yield to a sense of chivalrous sympathy towards a member of what they regard as "the weaker sex." They "don't like to let the poor little woman down."

Mr. Asquith.

There are cases, of course, where this sentimental view is still justified. Despite women's newly won economic independence and their claim to industrial and professional equality, the majority naturally desire to fulfil their life's destiny in marriage and motherhood; and there are conceited philanderers who wantonly thwart this instinctive impulse by inveigling girls' affections merely to show off their conquering fascinations.

We are told of one Society fop of this contemptible species who has lately been "engaged" to seven girls in succession, and who proposes to them, according to Lady Alexander, in order "to acquire proficiency to do it in such a graceful, beautiful way that it will never be forgotten." In the case of such professional "lady-killers," juries would certainly be entitled to award damages on a scale that also should never be forgotten.

But there are other cases where some wheedling, whimpering, artful She deliberately lays siege to a man for the sake of what she can get out of him. The soft pressure of her juicy palm against his bony one, of her smooth face against his scrubby jowl, will bring on symptoms of slobbery imbecility which the afflicted nincompoop believes to be love.

When he has proposed he begins to wake up and realise his mistake; but his Becky Sharp, knowing the tendencies of British juries, refuses to release her capture. The result is either one more addition to the dreadful catalogue of miserable marriages or a whacking penalty for breach of promise.

This form of blackmail—for that is the right word to describe it—is encouraged by the sentimentality of our juries, and is probably productive of more suffering than ever was caused by the highwaymen of olden times, who expressed precisely the same purpose when they frankly demanded of their victim: "Your money or your life?"

One remedy is simple. Let the juries in breach of promises cases include at least fifty per cent. of women. Then probably common sense would prevail and practical justice would be done. Until this is done no one will feel genuinely safe from the possible risks attached to the threat of breach of promise.

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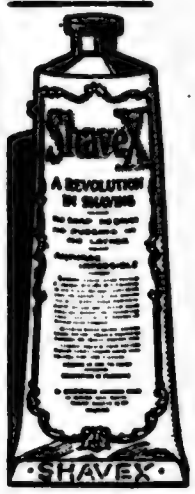

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BRANDING THE INNOCENT

by **ARTHUR LAMBTON**

Author of "My Story"

NOTHING is so unfair and illogical as the present legal position of children who are born out of wedlock; on this I can speak feelingly and forcefully.

In my book, "My Story," I tell how I found myself a victim of the cruellest law ever made, and vowed that I would not rest till the law was altered.

About 40,000 children are born out of wedlock every year in England and Wales. Too often they suffer untold hardships in early life. Outside marriage, the sins of the parents are visited upon the children with redoubled vengeance, and the law, which in a Christian country should temper the wind to the shorn lamb, is the worst offender of all.

THE main object of the new Bill is to provide that children born out of wedlock shall be legitimised by the subsequent marriage of their parents. In pagan Rome this humane rule existed; in Christian England it does not.

Lawyers are all agreed that Roman law has never been bettered; it is the basis of all law. One of the first actions of the first Christian Emperor of Rome—Constantine—was to decree that *all children born out of wedlock were to have the full rights of citizenship upon the subsequent marriage of their parents.*

I remember once a young man arguing "people who do wrong must be punished," and on my pointing out that the children had done no wrong, his reply was illuminating. "If you can't punish the parents then you must punish the children, because wrong has been done, and *somebody's got to be punished!*

Whenever I explain to foreigners (and I have done so over and over again) what our law is, I can see that they think I am "pulling the leg." When I tell them that a man born under certain conditions in Edinburgh is legitimised by the subsequent marriage of his parents, but that another man similarly circumstanced, who happens to be born in Newcastle or anywhere south of the Tweed, must always remain "illegitimate," they think that I am speaking picturesque falsehood.

Mr. Arthur Lambton.

On the one hand, our crazy divorce laws make it impossible to judge intelligently of sexual misconduct: on the other, it is an outrage upon every principle of justice to punish the guiltless victim of illicit passion. If the most hardened criminal at the Old Bailey were found to have suffered a day's imprisonment for a wrong committed by another, the whole country would ring with denunciations of the wrong.

AS soon as the law is altered by making it possible for parents to put the child right with the world by a subsequent marriage there will be a rush to the register offices by innumerable couples who ought to have been there long ago.

Let me conclude with two concrete cases, for which I can vouch. Lord —— had a son to whom he was devoted. The boy was born out of wedlock and the father was so fond of him that he did not dare tell him the truth. On the death of Lord —— the title passed to a distant cousin. The son went out to Canada, and within six months shot himself.

The second case relates to a certain baronet, who did not get on with his wife. They separated. The wife resided abroad. In due course her death was announced.

After a decent interval the widower remarried. His second wife bore him two sons. It was then discovered that the first wife was not dead at all. These unfortunate boys were both rendered illegitimate.

Then the first wife really did die. The widower married his second wife once again, and a third son was born—many years younger than the other two. That third son succeeded to the baronetcy.

HERE was no case of wrong-doing, either on the part of the parents or on the part of the children!

It is a terrible ordeal which the unmarried mother is called upon to face: the glare of police court publicity, the advertisement of her shame, the parading before the cynical gaze of idle spectators of the love that has spelt ruin and disgrace. At any rate let us make sure that the scales of justice are not weighted against her or her child, and that what money can do to right the wrong shall by force of law be done.

The Tragic Ragged Regiment

by **ERNEST THURTLE, M.P.** *Late Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Pensions*

MANY of our broken ex-Service men, and many bereaved dependents, still suffer grave injustice.

Take the Final Awards scandal. Here is a typical illustration: A man is suffering from a disability which the Ministry assesses at less than 20 per cent. He is given, as a Final Award, a final weekly allowance for 52 weeks, plus a lump sum of £10 at the end of that period.

At the time he is satisfied, and does not attempt to appeal against this. Later on, after a lapse of more than twelve months, the statutory time left for appeal, he discovers that his condition has worsened. But he is now too late to make any further claim. The State, with its Final Award, washed its hands of responsibility.

Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

Such a man may obtain treatment, but he is definitely ruled out from pension, no matter how serious his disability becomes. Clearly this is unjust, and the regulations should be altered to permit of such cases being reconsidered.

Then there are the Appeal Tribunals, bitterly disliked and distrusted by ex-Service men and dependents, and undoubtedly responsible for many miscarriages of justice. The root of this trouble is that the case for the appellant is not properly argued.

THE average ex-Service man, or widow, lacking medical knowledge, and the ability to present favourable factors effectively, stands embarrassed and confused before the Tribunal, and the real strength of the case is never presented. Every appellant is permitted, by the regulations, to take a friend to assist in presenting his case, but all too frequently he is unable to find anyone with the right kind of skill in advocacy.

What a difference assistance of this sort makes has been proved by the British Legion. This body has provided many appellants with a kind of Pension Appeal Advocate, and the ratio of success in appeals so assisted is very high.

And what of the tragedy of the partially disabled man, whose number is legion?

"It seems as though the country's got no further use for me," said a young man hopelessly to me the other week. He had been badly deafened in the war, and was in receipt of a small pension.

This young man realised that in the struggle for work with his fit fellows his war disability was a fatal handicap. And he did not feel that a pension of 8s. a week was adequate compensation.

IN like case was another young man I saw a few days ago. As a result of a shot through the arm, his right hand was permanently withered and half clenched. An unskilled manual worker, he explained that every time possible employers or foremen saw his hand they said: "Sorry, nothing doing."

These two cases are typical of thousands and nobody will argue that the country has discharged its debt of honour to those concerned. I suggest that all such men should be offered a new scheme of training suited to their disabilities.

Meantime, while they are unemployed, on a suitable committee deciding that their unemployment is due to the handicap of their disability, special and extra unemployment pay, equal to the amount of their pension, should be paid them.

Saddest of all, perhaps, is the case of the thousands whose claim to pension is rejected because a chain of medical evidence cannot be established showing the connection between the disability and war service. Typical of these are hundreds of tubercular and nervous wrecks. They cannot prove, by hospital records and medical certificates, that their unhappy plight is due to war service. They only know that they were fit before their service and that they are broken men now.

The best men during the war did not like reporting sick. They hung on grimly. When hostilities were over their one thought was to get back to their families, and they cheerfully testified that they had no disabilities.

Cannot the country, in such cases, afford to be generous beyond the strict letter of medical history? Even if a man's complaint is demonstrably of post-war origin, who knows how much war experience may have had to do with making him a victim of it?

The human body has natural defences against disease. Wear down and weaken those defences by exposure and all the abnormalities of war service, and disease inevitably has a better chance.

I MAKE no charge against the permanent officials of the Ministry of Pensions. Within the limits of the existing Royal Warrant they are, I believe, with few exceptions, doing what they can to see that justice is done. Their one serious defect is a paralysing fear of the Treasury, an emotion which ought to be absent from a Department dealing with a great human problem.

It is with Parliament, and not with the permanent officials, that the remedy rests. The Royal Warrant, as it stands, cannot be administered to meet the main existing grievances. It must be altered, and Parliament must alter it. Such alteration will cost money, but in repaying a debt of honour the country will not grudge the cost.

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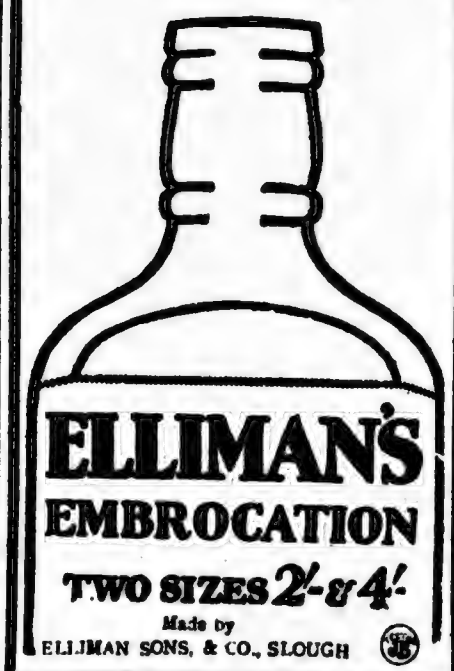

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WHAT ARE YOUR DREAMS?

Human friction is the ugly mother of strikes and class war

by H. D. JENNINGS WHITE, M.A.

THERE is only thing more harmful to the individual than being a round peg in a square hole, and that is to be a square peg in a round hole. When we find numbers and numbers of round pegs trying to turn round in the little square cages of monotonous, uninspiring jobs with nothing but pauperous prospects, can we wonder that the labour market nearly resembles an impossible jig-saw.

H. D. Jennings White, M.A.

Industrial unrest is not caused by phantastic dreams that have no basis in fact. The theories of communism contain phantasies enough but they are not only caused by a gnawing in the stomach, chill winds blowing through threadbare blankets, and other physical discomforts. Stifled powers and crushed aspirations bleed the mind till it is red with revolt.

Spirit killing

Men are differently made: some have adventure in their hearts and wings to their souls; but others are content to rub along the same monotonous safe way day after similar day. The ambitious man dreams of knowledge, skill, power, fame, wealth, beauty.

The realisation of our dreams is the source of our happiness. What employer or works-manager thinks of asking a prospective hand, "What dreams do you dream?" And so talents lie neglected, sand is scattered through the industrial machine, and viciousness woven into the web of the social fabric. All waste!

Two men left the staff of a factory at the same time: the one for drunkenness and the other for a coroner's inquest. They were both sound men when they were taken on, but no one had troubled about their dreams, ambitions and talents.

So one man, although intelligent, cultured and capable, was put to routine work of no responsibility and requiring no intelligence. His talents were wasted and his dreams incapable of fulfilment. So he drank beer.

The other was a man of little ambition and no talent for responsibility, yet he was given a responsible job requiring initiative and intelligence. The responsibilities preyed on his mind until he collapsed under the strain. So he drank prussic acid.

Moral muddling

It is quite possible, nowadays, to test applicants for many trades and professions, and be able to guide them in the choice of a vocation. This is particularly useful for children and adolescents faced with the choice of a career that may make or mar their whole lives, and reflect happiness or misery upon society at large.

There was a regrettable phrase used during the war—"equality of sacrifice." It sounded very noble, but in practice it meant that if anyone took a pride in a job that they had been long accustomed to do well, then they had to sacrifice that and be put to something at which they must be unfamiliar and at least for a time incompetent.

Now that sort of moral muddling was responsible for a good deal of the war fed-up-ness from which most of us suffered.

And, even in peace time, that noble sounding phrase respecting "that state of life in which it has pleased God to call us" has the same effect of forcing people to remain in uncongenial work and surroundings, and is conducive to sacrifices perniciously prejudicial to the health of society.

Everyone needs encouragement from above. The child needs to be drawn up by its teacher, and the employed need to be drawn up by their employer. That is the secret of all morale: the attractiveness of those above to those below.

Indifference destroys morale, and then waste, disease, destruction! Yet how seldom are new hands trained by competent and properly qualified teachers. There is the foreman's criticism, not unkindly often, but a sad substitute for that rapid acquiring of skill which psychological science can now give to any trade.

Does industry on the whole welcome scientific management, efficient teaching, and the oil of human welfare? Hardly yet.

Conservative masters are too apt to resent any interference with their own prerogative, mastery. They seem to prefer to keep a large labour turnover, inefficient methods of production, and the fatigue of their workers rather than take advice.

Science supreme

Tenacity and conservatism are valuable qualities; but of less value to-day than they were a century ago. To-day and in future science rules in warfare, in industry, and in government. Intelligent co-operation of intelligent specialists is the only way of progress and of safety.

The social ladder is controlled by the masters, not so much by their activity as by their indifference. It is against the gaps between the rungs that the underdog revolts.

The Russian method of changing ladders has been tried and found wanting. Science offers its knowledge to masters and men. In that knowledge they can not only be reunited, but welded into a whole in which the human units have greater equality of opportunity and are more free to move up or down the ladder of success according to proved ability and tested skill.

Scoundrel's Amazing Repentance

by PHILIP INMAN

"I FOUND my husband only to lose him again . . . this time for ever." That is how a woman described to me the poignant experience through which she had passed, and of which I had been an eye-witness.

Let me depict this drama of life. The actors in it were a man and a woman. The man, diseased in body and polluted of soul; the woman loyal to the last.

The final act of the drama is played in the wards of a London hospital. A screen surrounded the bed on which the man reposed . . . he was waiting for the end. At his side there sat the woman, tenderly stroking his fevered brow.

What passed between them during those tense moments is sacred to the two alone. Sufficient to say that a reconciliation was effected before the last farewell was taken, and, as a result, the man passed into the Great Unknown with a look of unutterable peace upon his face.

THERE is a remarkable story behind this dramatic death-bed reconciliation. It reveals the depths of debauchery to which a man can sink and how a woman's love can remain pure and undefiled.

Before entering the hospital this patient had for years been a notorious figure in the underworld. He had consorted with the scum and scurf of London's immoral sewers, until the filth had eaten into his bones and marrow.

He was a dope trafficker, a frequenter of the most degrading night clubs, an associate of racing gangs, confidence tricksters and unmitigated scoundrels. His finger-prints were known to the police authorities in every part of the world, and more than once he had been sentenced to terms of penal servitude.

Mr. Philip Inman.

He was known as "the human spider" and many a man and woman entered into his treacherous web, to be crushed into the fragments of moral bankruptcy.

Yet he had not always been a ne'er-do-well. Ten years before he had been a student at a university. He was "sent down" for an offence which did not warrant such a severe punishment. That was the first step on the downward path.

Before he had become submerged he had married a charming and vivacious girl, the daughter of a country clergyman. Not a month had passed before she discovered the kind of man to whom she had plighted her troth.

Then came the struggle with a man's life at stake. She set out to reclaim him by using every weapon in her power. She pleaded, entreated, remonstrated, but the work of devastation had begun.

WHEN he came out of prison the first time, his wife was waiting at the gates to greet him, but within twenty-four hours he had resumed co-habitation with his old haunts. She returned to her home a broken woman. Hope changed into despair and her dearest dream became a ghastly nightmare.

One day the ambulance brought this man to the hospital. His condition was nauseating in the extreme. His illness was due to his own vicious living. Sickness and need are the only passports to obtain an entry and so this man was admitted to the hospital.

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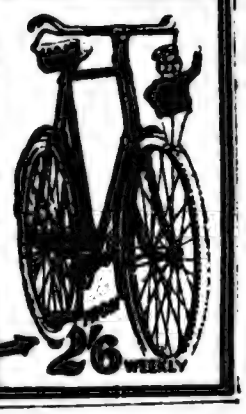

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Women Who Worship Murderers

Women love strength in men, even if it is perverted strength

By PROFESSOR FRASER HARRIS, M.D., B.Sc., D.Sc.

THE Court House was crowded by women to its utmost capacity, when the French prisoner, Vacquier, was being tried for the murder of the Byfleet inn-keeper. Crowds, mainly women, rushed to see the very ordinary bungalow on the shore at Pevensey where Mahon, one of the most heartless scoundrels of modern times, clubbed a girl to death and then tried to burn the body.

Prof. Fraser Harris.

For weeks after the arrest of the murderer, the owner of the house, having been forced to make a charge for admission, had to seek police protection from the rush of sight-seers, mostly women.

More recently, crowds, mainly of women, gazed at a hole in the ground of a poultry farm at Crowborough, where the dismembered body of a dead girl had been buried.

This sort of thing is doubtless just curiosity of the kind called morbid, but if by morbid we mean "abnormal," then it may be doubted whether this very widespread curiosity should be called morbid.

Irresistible fascination

It is merely curiosity about the unusual, and the shocking. If people were poisoned, dismembered and cremated every day, no one would turn aside to see the places of these happenings, but it is the comparative rarity and enormity of these crimes which raise the curiosity especially of women to such a height. The shocking, the gruesome, the terrible, has a fascination that is irresistible.

The interest in the Chamber of Horrors, in relics from those of Napoleon to Crippen is the outcome of this almost universal curiosity. Madame Tussaud turned this trait to good account financially, when she planned her exhibition; her knowledge of the psychology of the people was sound.

Very high prices used to be paid for seats at an execution; the women of Paris, we are told, settling down for the day, knitted industriously all the time heads were rolling from the guillotine.

Now, there is no disguising the fact that women will not withhold their admiration and approbation of a man who has broken the law sufficiently boldly.

They do not regard certain crimes as a stigma provided the perpetrators of them be of such stuff as heroes are made of—they love the sinner in spite of the sin.

Sensation lovers

One is not suggesting that women admire criminality in the abstract, for, indeed, the abstract interests them very slightly, nor that they would condone any concrete crime; but it does seem to be true that if the crime is one of violence or one where alertness of body or mind is required, plenty of women will be found to admire the doer of it.

The boldness of the man or his resource appeals to them. Of course if he is good-looking as well, if he has the proper colour of eyes and curliness of hair, then his success is assured.

What they have no respect for are the men who commit mean crimes, poisoners, slanderers, forgers, anonymous letter-writers, blackmailers, because their intuition rightly tells them that the crimes of such men are the last resort of the physically or morally weak; and weakness in men is unpardonable.

Women worship daring, daring even in a bad cause. The writer remembers telling a lady how a burglar had broken into his rooms and carried off a number of irreplaceable things. After a not very convincing expression of sympathy she said—"But just think of the risks he ran."

At the moment one was thinking rather of boiling oil.

Nancy loved Bill Sikes in spite of his frequent beatings of her; indeed, some of our fashionable neo-psychologists would say it was in consequence of them. At least, one thing is certain, Nancy would never have loved Bill had he been a weakling.

She loved the strong man, not because but although he was a burglar; it is very doubtful whether she would have loved Mr. Sikes any better had he been a respectable and law-abiding citizen. Dickens' psychology here is sound.

To women, the highwayman was always a picturesque figure; many shed tears at his execution. The handsome MacHeath in "The Beggar's Opera" is immensely popular with the ladies; and, apparently, Gay would have us believe that the downfall of his hero was due not so much to his breezy, out-of-door crimes, as to the confidence he placed in his fair, but faithless friends.

Women admire manly strength, even expressed as rugged force; and they will excuse the driving of a coach-and-four through the ten commandments if the driver is sufficiently daring and the coach sufficiently conspicuous; what they have no patience with is the pony-and-phaeton style of over-riding the moral law.

They prefer even law-breaking to be done splendidly, vigorously, unfalteringly.

Still the cave woman

The day is past and over when men rode on prancing chargers with lances levelled at one another's bodies to win a woman's smile; but the woman of to-day enjoys being fought over and won just as much as did her ancestors of feudal times.

Women may be taken for anything excepted granted. Goethe has assured us that "the eternal femininity beckons us onwards," but whatever that means, the eternal femininity has no sympathy with the champion who, failing, fails.

Villains with Cheque Books

by H. CONWAY JONES *(Solicitor)*

IF the moneylender, instead of glibly announcing that he will "lend £5 to £1,000 upon note of hand alone," has to state that he is going to charge some hundreds per cent. per annum for his help then even the most stupid borrower might pause to think. The "£5 to £1,000 upon note of hand alone" is the thin edge of the wedge which leads quite frequently to that other public advertisement: "The *deceased* was in the hands of moneylenders."

The three favourite remedies pursued by moneylenders against defaulting borrowers may be summarised as: Proceedings in bankruptcy; seizures of goods under bills of sale or by executions levied; and threats of exposure.

The last is a form of blackmail, and upon proof of such threats the offender should be liable to imprisonment.

WITH regard to bankruptcy proceedings, although the Bankruptcy Court is charged with the duty of protecting debtors' interests, the debtor, up to the date of the receiving order, has a very thin time, faced as he usually is by the highly trained and organised firms of solicitors who are employed by moneylenders.

If he allows the proceedings to slide he is made bankrupt. If he fights for time—and practically every genuine debtor does — prohibitive costs run up against him, for he must apply in open Court for each adjournment.

A perfectly reputable tradesman with an established and paying business may decide to borrow £500 from a moneylender, believing that he can repay. The money is spent, but the business does not mature.

Mr. Conway Jones.

He is generally offered the choice between renewing his loan at excessive interest or legal proceedings. Result, eventually, a bankruptcy petition.

Now he may have numerous trade creditors, all of whom have implicit faith in his integrity and ability, given time, to pay 20s. in the £. This avails him nothing. The moneylender is legally entitled to a receiving order and the honest small trader is made bankrupt.

Gone is his little business and gone are the hopes of his trade creditors of payment of their accounts. The moneylender does not benefit as the debtor's means of payment have vanished.

It is an open secret among those "in the know" that the Bankruptcy Court is used by the moneylenders not so much as a means for the recovery of debts as an instrument of terrorism to "encourage other defaulters."

The above typical instance indicates a badly needed reform. No genuine trader, farmer, workman or professional man should be made a bankrupt *solely* on a moneylender's petition. The moneylender in such cases should be compelled to accept payment by instalments according to the debtor's means, with committal for the debtor in case of default in payment of such instalments.

Bills of sale are the moneylender's Paradise. Security for his loan, high interest and the victim firmly in the meshes of the net. Small mercy is ever shown. "Pay up, renew, or be sold up!" is the slogan.

THE remedy is that no moneylender, holder of a bill of sale, shall be entitled to realise his bill of sale security or to levy execution except by order of the Court, and no Court shall make an order for sale where the debtor can prove his means to pay off the loan over a period. The debtor in default of keeping up his instalments to be liable to committal.

I have pointed out only some of the most glaring examples of abuses with their appropriate remedies. Now, moneylenders, get up on your hind legs, take a long breath and—HOWL!

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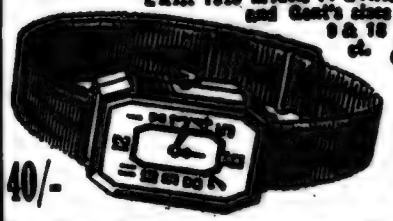

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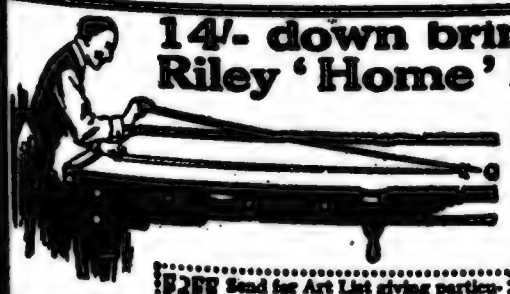

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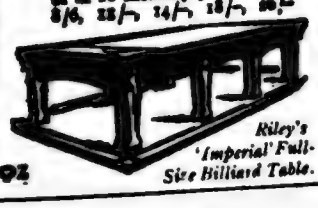

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by **MABEL HORNER**

IN a pleasant institution where some scores of happy infants were being tenderly cared for by a most motherly matron, I was shown a tiny baby. A shadow crossed the matron's face as she took it up.

"The mother of this tragic mite is only herself a child," she breathed. "She was thirteen when her baby was born. We have taken the child to give the poor little mother another chance in life."

Younger still was the little mother about whom a man wrote to me the other day. This time the child, who to her utter dismay and bewilderment held a baby of her own in her arms, had only reached the age of twelve. Twelve, the age of schoolrooms and playgrounds, and yet called upon to undergo the most tremendous experience that ever comes to woman.

Quite rightly we are shocked. When every now and again these cases are heard of we feel revolted, we wonder whose was the fault that the child was not better protected, and seldom do we pause to consider that if only this child of twelve had gone to church and contracted a legal marriage no one would have had the right to utter a word.

FOR this is the law as it stands at present. A boy, if he will, may validly marry at the age of fourteen, and a girl may legally marry at twelve. And the Church, in her spiritual and law-abiding capacity, is called upon not only to solemnise, but give her blessing to the union.

Of course, while such children have power to contract, parent or guardians may intervene to prevent such marriages. But it is in the most pitiful cases where this is least likely to be done.

Although the facts are not widely published it is the truth that large numbers of immature marriages take place each year in this country. Only our police court missionaries and rescue homes could unfold the full tale of the misery that invariably results.

Mrs. Bramwell Booth who initiated the world-renowned social work of the Salvation Army which includes the rescue of young girls and women.

The children—they are nothing more—are of unformed mind and judgment. They cannot rise to the full responsibility of married life. They are ignorant, they ought still to be in the playground of life. The boy resents the tie. The girl hates being a little drudge.

But there is an even stronger reason for our concern. Already there is a strong agitation afoot to raise the age of consent to eighteen years. At present it stands at sixteen. And the unspeakable result is, that under the existing marriage laws, a man of mature age, having betrayed a young girl below the age of consent, may escape the penalty of the law by persuading the little victim to become his wife. And statistics prove that this is no uncommon ruse.

Nor must we shirk consideration of the dreadful suffering which may devolve upon the girl, suffering which all the blessing of Church and State cannot lift from the little child-wife's own shoulders. As a medical woman, whose work lies in India where child-marriages are the rule, recently said in connection with her maternity cases, "*It is against nature, and nature never forgives.*"

But here at home it is the law that must be blamed. The law in this matter of child marriage lags behind public opinion. Moreover, it is anomalous to the point of absurdity.

In all matter pertaining to money and business the law fully recognises the immaturity of childhood. Hence, all persons until they reach the age of twenty-one are infants in the eyes of the law. They are regarded as of immature intellect. They are deemed of imperfect discretion.

They may not make an ordinary will. They may not exercise rights of citizenship. If a man under twenty-one years of age enters a partnership he is not personally liable for the debts of the firm.

Neither may persons under twenty-one hold public office, nor enter into contracts deemed prejudicial to their own interests.

BUT they may, and do, enter into the most tremendous contract of all, the choosing of a partner for life in the bonds of matrimony. And, they may, while yet children in years themselves, bring other children into the world.

It can only be that women have not thought about this position of the marriage laws. They cannot be fully alive to all the tragic misery resulting from this laxity. In the interests of these pitiful child-mothers the law must be altered. There is needed an amending Bill at once.

Lop-Sided Justice

by **A PRACTISING BARRISTER**

THE legal profession continues to dispense justice as a sort of proprietary medicine to be obtained only at trade prices. Business men exclaim against the amazing cost of litigation and judges call public attention to the expense of proceedings even in small causes.

Justice remains a costly specific available only to the well-to-do and the poor are left to shift as best they can. How long will public opinion take to reach explosion point?

Lord Haldane's committee on further relief for the poor goes dawdling on, and Mr. Holford Knight's suggestions for immediate assistance in the police courts (dealt with twelve months ago in JOHN BULL) are ignored. The scandal of bundling off to prison the unrepresented poor is unabated and feeling among all classes continues to rise.

OUR County Courts were instituted as the Poor Man's Court where he could get inexpensive and expeditious justice. The scandal of expense is as bad in its way in these inferior courts as in the High Court.

Solicitors have got into the way of taking up cases and jobbing off the court work to barristers—at their client's expense.

Why should a small case necessitate the employment of two lawyers instead of one? Solicitors have the right of audience in the County Courts, and if they are unwilling or unprepared to exercise it, why should not the client go direct to a barrister?

In small cases, the matters in issue, are simple and easily prepared. The barrister's clerk could easily supply clerical assistance, many of these men (unfortunately) do little work, and something extra would not be amiss.

In any event, the citizen requiring help should not be hampered because of the failure of the lawyers to supply more reasonable service.

The same plan could be adopted in criminal cases. At present, at the Assizes, the Central Criminal Court and at Quarter Sessions, many of the cases tried are of the simplest character and no reason exists for saddling the defendant with the cost of a solicitor and counsel.

A copy of the depositions in the court below provides the case for the prosecution to be met and barristers could easily deal with the defence on that footing.

As a matter of fact, this was the system obtaining in criminal courts until comparatively recent times. A prisoner could instruct counsel in person. This was an expedious and inexpensive system of assistance which many famous barristers worked with vigour and profit.

The vested legal interests interfered with this historic system of public relief and the resulting unnecessary employment in small criminal cases of two lawyers has mounted to the present scandal when many poor citizens find themselves unable to support its exactions.

THESE suggestions are based upon intimate and practical experience. It is idle to turn them down. They can be adopted at once to the immediate relief of countless men and women requiring legal aid. Will the public continue to allow the lawyers to resist them? Is justice, after all, a patent medicine?

How to Keep Well

Cancer Truths

by **A Wimpole Street Physician**

A MORBID fear of cancer is an ever-present dread with a tremendous number of people. In thousands of cases it poisons their lives and haunts their thoughts like some evil spirit.

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The truth is that nobody knows anything about cancer. Surgeons who attribute it to this or that, are merely airing their ignorance.

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"TWO years ago, the firm for which I act as representative sent me to work in a town fifty miles from home. Owing to the housing shortage, I was compelled to leave my wife and young son of three years, and take up lodgings near the offices where I was engaged during the day, for my working hours were so long that only at the week-end was I able to return to my family.

"My landlady has a daughter of twenty-five, a single girl, who evidently found the week as long and lonely as I myself did. Partly out of pure sympathy for her, and partly out of the desire to obtain company for myself, I got into the way of frequently accompanying her to mid-week dances, the theatre and similar entertainments.

"NOT for a single moment did I dream that my intentions would be misunderstood. I thought all the time that both the mother and the girl knew me as a married man. Apparently, I was wrong, for two weeks ago, when the manager instructed me to take on a permanent place in my native town, I was woefully undeceived.

"The official appointment to the post arrived by the morning mail, and in the evening I gave notice of my departure to my landlady. Two days passed and on the third the mother demanded to know my intentions towards her daughter. Dumbfounded, I replied, of course, that I had none.

"I am now settled in my own home, and in my new post, and yesterday I received a letter to the effect that a breach of promise action is to be instituted against me.

"Whatever must I do? My wife knows nothing of my predicament, for I have kept the whole matter from her for fear of her developing unfounded suspicions."

"Humanist" says: —*You have been very indiscreet and not a little unkind, both to your wife and to the landlady's daughter. If you gave the girl no reason to suppose that you intended to marry her, you need not fear an action for breach of promise, but you should tell your wife the whole of the circumstances, for it is far better that she should hear them from you than from anyone else.*

"ABOUT five years ago my daughter, at that time engaged as a packer in a laundry, became acquainted with a young Chinaman, and after a short courtship of two months they were married. Three years later their first child was born, and now my girl has confided to me that once again she is to become a mother.

East is East

"Up to last month, when she made this disclosure to me, I was of the opinion that she was quite happy in her married life, but this, she now constantly tells me in a broken-hearted way, is not the case. Her pride has forced her to keep the secret of her unhappiness from everyone from the first year of marriage till now.

"She admits that she must never have borne any true love for her husband, and that it must have been mere fascination that led her on. The long years in his company, his intense jealousy of all white men, his strange customs and the yellow skin and slanting eyes of himself and his child, are by now thoroughly preying on her nerves, and she fears that weighed down by the added trouble of her present condition her mind will give way under the train.

PROBLEMS that may be yours are dealt with by "Humanist." In every case the name and address of the writer are suppressed so that the authors may not be identified. In cases that are too intimate or are not of sufficient interest to be helpful to others, correspondents must send stamped addressed envelopes if they wish to be answered through the post. Ten shillings is sent to each of the writers of the first four letters printed.

"She pleads to me, her mother, for help to escape from these awful consequences of a great mistake, but I can think of no satisfactory way out, for Oriental though he is the man is her husband by her own choice and, moreover, is never cruel to her."

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"BEFORE my husband enlisted in 1915 he was a good and steady man, but the Army life seemed to make him just as vile and bad as he had once been good. He subjected me to all sorts of cruelty when he came home on leave; even when I was expecting to become a mother he kicked me in the stomach.

A Tangle of Hearts

"I was taken into hospital and spent seventeen weeks in agony before the baby arrived. It was still-born. Doctors, matrons and nurses worked like galley slaves to save my life. I was later operated on and was forty-one weeks in bed. All through my illness I was never heard complaining and never looked glum.

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"I have never heard of my husband since, and I am at present housekeeper to a gentleman who is separated from his wife owing to her drunken habits. She gets drunk and makes herself a general nuisance to us by coming to the district and libelling and defaming my character. The man allows his wife 25s. per week under a magistrate's order, and still is denied the peace and quiet that he is entitled to.

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Mother's Trouble

"A year after his demobilisation he met a girl who, during the war, earned an unenviable reputation. They were married eventually.

"Up to twelve months ago the marriage promised to be happy; but then his wife, evidently tiring of his outbursts, took to going out to parties and dances alone.

"Last week a woman neighbour told me, in confidence, that my daughter-in-law is often seen with other men.

"You may realise how perplexed and worried I am over the matter, for should my son get to know of her past and her present flightiness, I fear that he will resort to desperate measures in his ungovernable anger. Sometimes I think it would be best, for the sake of peace, to say nothing."

"Humanist" says:—*If you feel it a duty to interfere, you should speak to your daughter-in-law first, and privately. For a year she has been a good wife. Give her credit for that, and help her to do the right thing. Her husband's health ought steadily, if slowly, to improve.*

Should a Sister Tell?

"My sister and her husband are abroad, and she writes to say that she is quite happy with him. I have found out, however, that he has been living with another woman, and that my sister is really miserable. Should I tell her as I have heard?"

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"I am thirty-five years of age, and have just learned that, instead of my father being dead, as I have always supposed, I was born out of wedlock, and he is still alive and well to do. Should I be doing right in asking for his assistance in getting a job?"

If your mother has no objection, you can do no harm in asking him to help you. You have no legal claim upon him, but he will be hard-hearted, indeed, if he refuses assistance to his own flesh and blood.

Divorce and Remarriage

"I have been living with a man for the past three years. He divorced his wife on the ground of her misconduct, but he says that as a Roman Catholic he is not allowed to marry again. Is this true, and is there no way in which he can be put in a position to remarry?"

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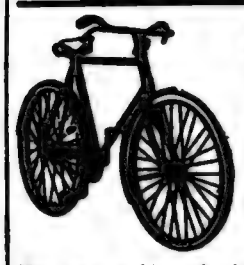

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Married Value

In his article E. Garry Allighan confounds "industry" with ability. According to him, an indolent, inefficient bachelor has only to get married in order to turn these unbecoming attributes into industry and efficiency. Whether a man be married or single, his value to his employer will be estimated according to the extent of his ability.—"*Disabled Bachelor,*" *Stileby.*

Getting and Keeping

You ask, "Are Bachelors Bad?" and then proceed to prove that they are a "defective cog in the industrial machine," and develop a line of argument in which the praise of the married man is sung. The sole impetus of bachelors is the getting of themselves into a position where they can make a home for their "girl." A man will work harder to get a woman than he will to keep her.—"*Bachelor,*" *London, N.*

Wage Cutters

Employers nowadays judge a man by the standard of his work, not by whether he is married or single. A single man, because he *is* single, will not accept lower wages, which, perhaps, a married man, through unemployment, will accept in order to buy the necessaries of life for his wife and youngsters. Unfortunately many employers jump at these men, trading on their unfortunate predicament to pay them less, expecting good work just the same.—*F. W., Pompey.*

Clock-watchers

As an employer of labour I am in hearty agreement with your contributor who advances the argument that a married man is a better workman than a bachelor. The unattached young man is invariably a clock-watcher—rushing off on pleasure bent the moment his day's work is done. It is the staider man who, having benefited by the lessons in patience, care and forethought which marriage teaches, becomes the efficient and trusted workman, gains his employer's regard and ultimately secures the position of responsibility.—*C. T. K., London, E.C.*

Married Recklessness

It is the height of impudence to call bad, bachelors, who being childless, are rated and taxed to help provide education, parks, baths, etc., for others' children. Not to increase that number is called "failing in duty." Recklessness of youth (usually of the spirit) is preferable to recklessness of the married (often of the body), which, increasing unduly the population, plays into the very hands of the employing class, by producing an excess over demand as regards employees.—*J. W., Manchester.*

No Future for Bairns

Bachelors are better workers as they are generally stronger and try to better their conditions. Married men have proved themselves most reckless, which can be proved by looking up divorce and criminal cases. Bachelors are charged with not being painstaking or efficient workers as they have no family, but many bachelors are more efficient and better workers as their mind is centred on their work. If the State wishes to avoid a large number of bachelors, then they must see that proper houses and surroundings are built. No right-thinking man would venture marriage under present conditions, which are very low and offer no future for bairns.—*F. C. E., Plymouth.*

Brief to-the-point letters not exceeding 100 words are invited. 5s. is paid for each letter published. Name and address essential not necessarily for publication. Envelopes must be marked "Letter Parliament."

Domestic Demands

Your contributor says that a married man works with the vision of home before him. But what of the numerous instances of married men who, as it were, bring their homes to the office with them—whose work is continually interrupted by telephone calls, who arrive late and leave early, and who are constantly asking for time off? Their excuse is "Domestic affairs." The bachelor, with none of these irksome responsibilities, is able to devote his full time, energy and enthusiasm to the requirements of his employer, and is on that account likely to make the more efficient workman.—*E. N. H., Dulwich.*

Snippets from other Letters.

Marriage to many bachelors is what heaven is to many Christians, something a long way off, and very nice to think about.—*R. D., Lynmouth.*

What does "home" mean to the average newly-wed of to-day? A couple of furnished rooms granted on the assurance of "no children."—"*Bachelor,*" *Southampton.*

Do girls ever think that the more they ape the male the less men like them?—*John, Edgbaston.*

"Do the Dead Reappear"

I, too, can quote a similar case as mentioned by Sir W. F. Barrett. In company with a dozen other men, I set out to search the banks of a river in Perthshire one evening, to see if we could come across a mill-worker who had gone fishing a couple of days before, and had not returned. Suddenly I saw the form of the missing man rise from a spot a hundred yards away. I hurried to the place and found another of the party. He informed me that from a different place he had seen the identical form I had seen. The body of the missing man was found a few yards away.—*Non-Sceptic.*

Printers' Pie

(Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of every item published. Mark envelopes "Pie.")

"SUNDAY EXPRESS":—"I was made to strip and placed with my wrists and ANKLES STRAPPED TO MY SIDES."

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"SOUTH WALES ECHO":—"She had to leave defendant, who punched her, broke her teeth, and tore her HAIR off her BACK."

Crabbed Youth

After reading "Youth on the Scra heap" by "A Gentleman with a Duste I am reminded of the pitiful specta seen more frequently than ever before young men aimlessly lounging on t street corners. Is it ever considered the powers that be that two or thr years of such an existence has complete marred a man's life?—*L. P., Luton.*

Truth Wanted

Will some member of Parliament a the Colonial Secretary to tell the comm the truth in regard to the unemployme situation in Canada? It is a pub scandal that men should be tempted break up their homes here and go ov seas, by the promises of "employme guaranteed" exhibited in the windows provincial Employment Exchanges, wh Canadian newspapers are publishing s stories of the sufferings of the unem ployed in their country.—"*Worker*" *Manchester.*

Prevent—Don't Cure

In what way should the tragedy our habitual criminals be solved? As after assize they pass through the doc to serve ever-lengthening sentences th do not fear in cells. The class with t malady is largely a product of hered and environment for which punishme is not the cure. By preventing incura criminals becoming parents their ty might be suppressed over a period. "*Chloe,*" *Manchester.*

Man or Beast?

Christianity was never intended to the cock-pit of conflicting theories, a practical basis for social refor Theorising about a "Future Hap Home" to masses who never have kno what the "Home" means is an e pensive futility and the canting privil of respectability. Is man not better t a beast? Home is the foundation social evolution; happier the home, m hopeful the outlook. Every natio duty is to house its population in decen "Is Britain Christian?" by the Rig Hon. Philip Snowden, M.P., is an excell article.—*Rev. W. F., Mold.*

Let the Church Rise

I am in complete agreement w Philip Snowden's article. The religi institutions of Britain are showing great apathy to the present day soc problems. It seems to me that G sent His word to be used in a practi manner, but it certainly appears that present-day religion is working absolut upon theory. Let the religious bo come forward with a constructive pol which they honestly believe will allev the distress in our land. Not u then will the churches and chapels overflowing with enthusiastic con gations.—*A. J. S., Northampton.*

Dilemma of the Doctors.

With reference to your paragr headed "Wasted Trained Brains" your issue of February 21, the first t sentences are statements of fact tha have no hesitation in contradicting. panel doctor can have more than 2,5 panel patients on his list, except in v special circumstances approved by Insurance Committee and the Ministr Health. I do not suppose there are ha dozen such cases in the country. regards the second statement, I am aware of any doctors "tramping country in search of work," though th are some who are having difficulty in fi ing it.—*Alfred Cox (Medical Secret British Medical Association).*

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It might help if some fair idea of what it will actually cost can be presented.

The buying of the car is the first consideration. Nowadays, the instalment plan is almost universal. We can only get shelter by buying our house and spreading the expense. We are learning to capitalise our earnings. Annual budgets of income and expenditure are produced in every home.

Whether it be wise to budget for pleasures as well as for necessities is a matter for individual judgment, but it does secure the pleasure, and, generally, seems to work out to advantage.

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THE question simply comes down to this. Is £1 a week too much to pay, not only for the pleasures of motoring, but the benefits. These are not confined to the owner of the car, but shared by his family or friends.

Personally, I am convinced that if the margin is there, the risk should be taken.

I am not going to be ridiculous and claim that this expense is an investment. It does, however, add to our knowledge, and add to our lives in the form of new experiences. In Britain, the possession of a motor-car does still take us just out of the rut, increasing our confidence in ourselves, and that factor does make for success. Increased responsibilities generally results in increased capacity, and the need to provide for the car should prove an incentive.

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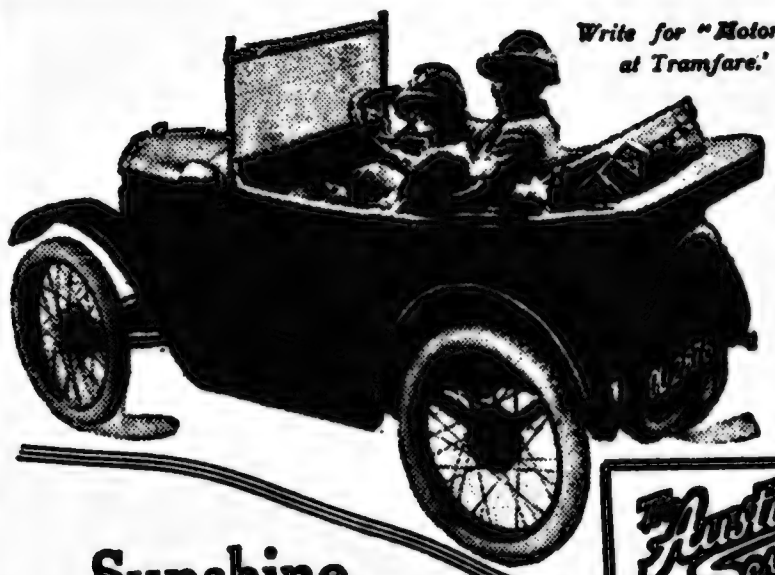
N.B.—In our article of the 14th, on Modern Motor Cars, I inadvertently gave the publishers as The Caxton Press. This should have been The Caxton Publishing Co, and I wish to apologise for any confusion which may have resulted.



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The Booing of Mr. Brown

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MARCH comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Let it roar—until the 25th. I do not suppose many race-goers will be sorry to say good-bye to the jumping.

The Lincoln and the National are still much harder to solve than any cross-word puzzle. The air is always full of rumours, but this year they are more rampant than ever. I will take the Lincoln first.

Tapin is Better.

The money for Grand Joy is good. The £ s. d. for Parth is not stable money. Tapin has recovered from the outbreak of boils. Golden Hope II is better than Condover, but both are coming over. Hurrybelle and Brimstone are jockey's tips. On form Hurrybelle is the better of the two. Torlonia is walking over. I could go on for a long time, but it is mainly a question of sifting the wheat from the chaff.

Lord Glanely, owner of the Lincoln favourite, Grand Joy.

My Three.

At the moment I fancy Grand Joy, Beresford and Hurrybelle, and suggest that the market be watched carefully for a strong move in favour of the French horses. At about this time last year 40 to 1 could have been taken about Sir Gallahad. The S.P. was 9 to 2.

The Latest about the National.

The Grand National pitfall lies in the fact that during the past few weeks the Aintree horses seen out have not been indulging in over-exertion. They are getting ready for Liverpool. I hear that Mr. Filmer-Sankey has decided not to run Ruddy Glow. Personally, I prefer to wait and see, but the horse should not be backed. The heavy going at Newbury was dead against Silvo and Conjuror. It may be just as heavy on the 27th. Fly Mask has satisfied Coulthwaite. Rathory, and not Ballinode, is the hope of Ireland. Drifter will run into a place.

Fly Mask Fancied.

Here, again, it is a question of wheat and chaff. I intend to let my provisional selections stand with one exception. Fly Mask takes the place of Ruddy Glow. They now read, Conjuror II, Ballinode, Fly Mask, Upper Rathduff.

It may be necessary to resort to the code for my finals, but I wish to avoid this if possible. However, a winner given on the day of the race is better than a 100 to 1 loser now.

Will Winnall Win All?

Winnall is not one of my fancies for the National, but several of my friends who saw last year's big race intend to back Mr. Liddell's gelding. Winnall had a lead of at least three hundred yards when a loose horse interfered with him.

The Seconds Champion.

If I were asked to name the unluckiest trainer of the season I should give the palm to Lord Westmoreland. Last year he could not go wrong. This season the boot has been on the other foot. He has sent out twenty-four seconds.

£20 for Pluck.

J. Mahoney had a rough five minutes on the back of Rome in the Melton Steeplechase at Leicester. The eight-year-old refused to race and did not want to jump. Mahoney had other views and insisted on the rogue completing the course. He was cheered heartily on passing the post, and as a reward for his pluck received a present of £20. Rome belongs to Mr. Filmer-Sankey.

More Code Winners.

The code selections are still piling up points in the right direction. On the second day of the Leicester meeting my large band of followers received Vive, 11 to 4, coupled with King of Troy, 9 to 4. The double works out at 11 to 1. This was followed by Jort, second, a loser, and Yorick, won at 100 to 30. When the flat comes along I expect to supply some nice long shots. I think I have mentioned that I have a new source of information which I *know* is good.

The Booing of Mr. Brown.

I was sorry to see Mr. H. A. Brown meet with a hostile reception at Leicester. It is very annoying for backers to see an odds-on favourite beaten, and the salt is rubbed in with a vengeance when an outsider from the same stable romps home an easy winner; but it is not necessarily the jockey's fault. In this particular instance L'Aiglon II, Mr. Harry Brown's mount, was out of the hunt half a mile from home. I see that Mr. Brown has stated that he had a big bet on his mount. He gained nothing by losing the race.

Two coded selections will be given daily in the following papers:—

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This code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from March 4 to March 10.

Not all Millionaires.

A kill-joy wrote to me the other d to tell me that he did not back hors because he understood that the gre majority of bookmakers left fortun behind them when they retired from t vale of tears. Some bookmakers d so do some business men, but the gre majority do not. I was in Tatt's wi a couple of friends a few months ag and we all had a little on the first winn I was the last to be paid. The book searched his pockets one by one, p ducing a note here and a note there, a eventually owed me ten shillings. drew the little Fisher after the secon race. I saw this bookmaker's will one of the dailies. He left under £100.

Epinard's Rider for Germany.

E. Haynes, who rode Epinard in races in England, is leaving France ride in Germany during the comi season, and it is on the cards we sh see something of him in England wh the Germans take to invading our sho with their best equine champions.

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(After Longfellow.)

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Asking a price about a dud,
And it makes his soul rejoice.

Sweating, bamboozling, bellowing,
Onward through life he plods.
Each morning sees his bag half-full,
Each evening packed with wads;
Something attempted, *someone* done,
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THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

Kempton Park, Wednesday
KINNAIRD, St. GEORGE II.

Kempton Park, Thursday
BEYROB, PREDIAL.

Lingfield Park, Friday
BODDAM, NAPLES.

Lingfield Park, Saturday
CONJUROR II., MIXED DOUBL

Manchester, Friday
AISLE, CASTILE.

Manchester, Saturday
LAUZUN, DULEEK.

SILVER RING.

Soccer this Week-End

FORECASTS FOR MARCH 14.

A GAME which is going to have a lot of bearing on the League championship is that of Huddersfield v. West Bromwich next week. The "Throstles" have still got the Cup to worry them, but they are right out for the double, and they have got the team to bring this off.

Most of the professionals I know are tipping Sheffield United to win the Cup.

Rangers have still got Airdrieonians to bother about for the Scottish League championship, but Airdrie are out of the Cup, and the Rangers are glad of it. The fourth round is to be played this week-end, and my four for the semi-final are Dundee, Celtic, Hamilton and Rangers. But there will probably be a draw or two first.

Although writing before the Ireland—Scotland match, I am tipping Scotland for the international championship. I am told that against Wales they played the best football since the war.

WEEK-END COUPS

7 HOME.—Newcastle, Sheffield U., Derby Co., Swansea, Doncaster, Airdrie, Portsmouth.

5 HOME.—Newcastle, West Ham, Lincoln, Airdrie, Portsmouth.

3 AWAY.—Sunderland, Leicester, Darlington.

3 DRAWS.—Huddersfield v. West Bromwich A., Hull v. Chelsea, St. Mirren v. Celtic.

3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Derby, Portsmouth, Celtic, Rochdale, Darlington.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Derby, Darlington, St. Mirren v. Celtic.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION I.

HOME WINNERS.—Birmingham, *Bol W., *Cardiff, Notts Co., Preston, *Sun land, *West Bromwich.

AWAY WINNER.—Huddersfield.

DRAWS.—*Burnley v. Newcastle, Le v. Sheffield U.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

HOME WINNERS.—*Chelsea, Clapton Coventry, Palace, *Leicester, *Manchester *Oldham, Wednesday.

DRAWS.—Southampton v. Derby C Stockport v. Hull, Stoke v. Wolves.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Southern

HOME WINNERS.—Aberdare, Brighto *Bristol C., Gillingham, *Luton, *Millw *Plymouth, *Swindon.

AWAY WINNER.—*Swansea.

DRAWS.—*Bournemouth v. Charlton, N wich v. Exeter.

THE LEAGUE—DIVISION III. (Northern

HOME WINNERS.—*Bradford, *Chest field, *Darlington, Hartlepools, *New Bright *Rochdale.

AWAY WINNERS.—*Nelson, Crewe.

DRAWS.—*Accrington v. Doncaster, Ha v. Southport, Wrexham v. Wigan.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Dundee, *Hamil *Hearts, *Rangers, Third Lanark.

AWAY WINNER.—Raith R.

DRAWS.—*Cowdenbeath v. Celtic, *P tick v. Hibs., St. Mirren v. Airdrie.

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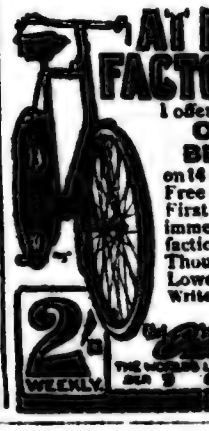
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John Bull's Letter Bag

THE Editor may be flippant on this page but his humour is kindly and never malicious, and he wants you to see it in this light. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note and take his leave with a smile. Serious questions are handled by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service. See note at top of last column this page.

R. M. (Aldershot).—"I have severa distant relatives." What have you done to offend them?

F. S. (Henley).—"My household is run on military lines." Is your servant a general?

J. M. B. (Liverpool).—"What would you do if your name was Bigg?" Never be Little.

L. E. (Leeds).—"The doctor says he's a weak back." Perhaps he'd make a better forward.

G. G. (Southport).—"Take my tip and say nothing about it." We never accept hush money.

DOLLY (Wanstead).—"My new dress makes me look years younger." Patent it and net a fortune.

H. H. (Morecambe).—"My landlady gives me Chinese eggs." We also object to the foreign yolk.

F. F. (Hampstead).—"I was told whisky was the best thing for cleaning picture frames." Did you swallow it?

O. M. (Austwick).—"We struggled to the very top of Ingleborough only to find we'd forgotten the glasses." Why not drink out of the bottle?

MOLLY F. (Winchester).—"If I send you my photo can I trust you to return it?" You know your photo better than we do.

J. H. (Waltham).—"Words can't express my feelings towards the income-tax collector." Then ring him up and put your tongue out at him.

MRS. M. (Biggleswade).—"She keeps a body scrubbing all day long without bite or sup." Evidently a believer in dry cleaning.

M. D. (Derby).—"In China criminals can hire men to die for them." And in England they can hire lawyers to lie for them.

I. L. (Leicester).—"I could watch the stars all night." It might cure you to see them in the morning with the paint off.

MABEL P. (Annesley).—"Large checks are to be the fashion this spring." Your prophecy has caused wild enthusiasm among our office staff.

BETTY (Wolverhampton).—"As a husband he's ready to lay his heart at my feet." He'll be more use if he keeps it in its right place and works for you.

D. E. R. (Brighton).—"She even arranged for a snapshot to be taken while she was with him." And now she's awaiting developments?

ECONOMIST (Purley).—"I don't see why I should be criticised for not giving money away; it's my own business." Quite so; what you give is nothing to anybody.

C. S. C. (Plymouth).—"I've half a mind——" Then please find the other half, before you write to us again.

E. B. (Glasgow).—"My cook won't do what I say, but I can't get rid of her." Won't she take notice?

B. L. (Swanage).—"I hope my handwriting doesn't bother you." We didn't give it the chance.

J. L. (Plymouth).—"It must be admitted that Germany has made a start to pay up." A very promising start.

L. B. N. (Chorley).—"A farmer is generally a good-humoured fellow." Except when you tread on his corn.

MRS. G. (Coventry).—"Is it law for the postmistress to make you stick stamps on yourself?" No, but she's entitled to make you stick them on the parcel.

ELSIE J. (Southend).—"My fiancé was very angry because I wasn't at home when he called." Quite sure it's the first time he has ever found you out?

A. M. P. (Dulwich).—"It isn't pleasant to find oneself treated as a fool." Still, what's the use of people shutting their eyes to the facts of life?

BENEDICK (Finchley).—"My wife says I am quite lacking in judgment." Ask her if she thought the same when you proposed to her.

F. S. F. (Poplar).—"The Communists will soon come into their own." Glad to hear it; we thought their aim was to come into other people's.

R. R. M. (Hatfield).—"Where are we likely to find a man in the public eye who possesses a real punch?" Dempsey, forward please.

K. N. (Formby).—"I have travelled round the world several times." And judging by your letter, you are still wandering.

"BORED" (Clapham).—"My pious neighbour will keep coming in and quoting verses of Scripture." Try and persuade him not to make every text into a pretext.

R. J. (Dartmouth).—"I was disappointed—I really thought the house-agent was going to find me something at last!" Did he have a vacant look?

J. G. (London, S.E.).—"Six poets recently broadcast readings from their own works." On leaving the studio, we understand they were undecided whether to stick together for mutual protection or scatter and confuse the pursuit.

M. K. (Trowbridge).—"I reckon I've told you enough—you can guess the rest." We guess we need the rest!

S. L. A. (Marple).—"I am not easily moved." Not more than fifteen stone, we hope?

G. A. L. (Paisley).—"How do children learn to swear?" They pick up words adults let drop.

G. K. D. (Cheam).—"I'd like to see some of my own back." Then stand between two mirrors.

A. D. C. (Barnes)—"Many of the music-hall acts I see make me sick." Then they give you a "turn" all right.

E. F. L. (Clapham).—"Tube-workers want bread and butter." Sure! It's the passengers who get mixed up in the jam.

F. J. (Bearsden).—"I am not so young as I used to be." Nor, we'll bet, so old as you hope to be.

T. W. (Hartson).—"A man is known by the company he keeps." And incidentally by the company he promotes.

DAISY V. (Purton).—"I didn't give the matter a second thought." After the first, we suppose your stock was completely exhausted.

C. S. (Kennington).—"After being a pilot in the Air Force, I am now a driver on the Underground." You seem to have come down in the world.

B. H. G. (Malpas).—"My wife thinks I am a very good musician." Perhaps that's because you always let her call the tune.

M. P. (Littlemore).—"Everything has its ups and downs." Curious, isn't it, that bank balances never seem to travel on the up line.

"SEVENTY" (Highley).—"Early rising is the secret of success in life." So that to get on, a man must get up early and get down to things.

H. F. A. (Lewisham).—"Fat men always push their way through a crowd." The bulk of them, certainly, seems to be in front.

J. J. (Salford).—"Manchester has decided not to take part in any civic displays at Wembley." Unkind people are saying that any participation by this city would only encourage rain.

MRS. J. McG. (Perth).—"My first cash prize in *Bullets* gave me quite a shock." Then you'll be able to sympathise with this week's £1,500 winner—particularly if it's yourself.

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THE rain it raineth every day, in spite of what the songsters say. The sun we knew in days gone by, is always absent from the sky.

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F. H. (Victoria).—"A doctor is generally popular." In spite of the fact that there is ill-feeling among his patients.

B. M. (Ingatestone).—"I want a wife who will be silent when I am annoyed." Why not marry a telephone operator?

T. B. (Brixton).—"Your paper leaves me cold." You can't expect a twopenny weekly to issue a blanket supplement.

A. F. (Hampstead).—"You never keep my poetry." No, and your poetry will never keep you.

P. T. (Croydon).—"A bakers' exhibition here realised £150 for charities." Quite a respectable lump of dough.

L. M. (Charing Cross).—"The unscrupulous land agent is a danger to the community." Beware of his plots.

J. A. W. (Benstead).—"My three children always wear their boots indoors." And ours always seem to be wearing their's out!

S. S. (Ely).—"Although I always agree with my wife she wakes me up at night and aks me questions." What should I do?" Keep on nodding.

P. N. B. (Euston).—"I've been offered a job in the North to reconstruct an athletic ground." You'd better make tracks.

M. S. G. (Sudbury).—"When I brush my hair it gives off a sort of spark that is almost electric." But perhaps you can switch it off at night.

R. T. D. (Folkestone).—"I cannot get enough money to go round." So long as you get enough to keep square, why worry?

M. R. (Peckham).—"The leading lights in the Labour Party are *not* in this Parliament." That, of course, is because the leading lights have been put out.

B. I. H. (Highgate).—"I feel capable of taking on a really big job." How about getting fixed up as window cleaner at the Crystal Palace.

J. D. (Landon).—"He is always playing cards by himself and is disagreeable when interrupted." Patience, in this case, is not a virtue.

PRISSIE N. (Camden Town).—"I've become engaged to a man employed on the telephone exchange." We suppose he'll give you a ring one of these days.

B. D. (Luton).—"Which is the most interesting time of a woman's life?" The first five years she's twenty-one, we should say.

MECHANIC (Sudbury).—"The American motor-car industry gives work to three millions." Not counting the people in this country who have to get out and push up-hill.

W. N. (Acton).—"Very few people are ashamed to confess an entire ignorance of music?" Then why do so many look themselves in bathrooms and demonstrate their ignorance?

F. A. S. (Macclesfield).—"When you put everything together, there is not so much to cause one to get the idea I'm so dusty." You may not be dusty, but your phraseology could do with a little brushing up.

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Another appeal came to us from an ex-service man whose son had just died in similar circumstances from pneumonia. His wife and three others of the family were sick with influenza, and he begged for help to provide them with comforts which might well prove to be the means of recovery. His request was not in vain.

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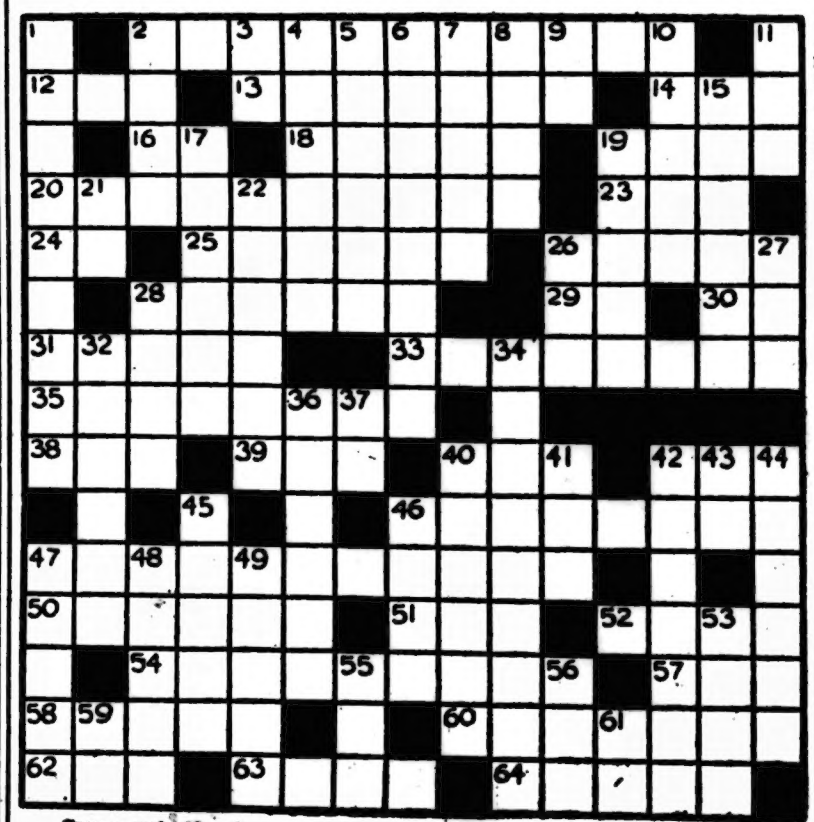

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CLUES.

ACROSS.

2. Conjecture.
12. The day before.
13. Part of horse's foot.
14. Personal pronoun.
16. I.
18. Remain.
19. Habit.
20. Back in position.
23. Idiot.
24. Officer Commanding.
25. Disturbances.
26. Decamps.
28. Iron Beam.
29. Pronoun.
30. Exclamation.
31. To turn on.
33. A form of fraud.
35. Aladdin's uncle.
38. Recognised rule.
39. Rabble.
40. South American city.
42. Deer.
46. Concerted written application.
47. Flying from centre.
50. Flower.
51. Hurried.
52. Expectant.
54. Manly.
57. Dash against.
58. Armorial bearings.
60. A cataract.
62. Possessed.
63. Member of Hindoo sect.
64. Minute portions.

DOWN.

1. Engagement.
2. Half.
3. London area.
4. Thinly covered.
5. Suave.
6. Lounger.
7. South American mountains.
8. Placed on a little sand.
9. Pronoun.
10. Knotted loop.
11. Part of verb "to be."
15. To open.
17. Banner.
19. Dance.
21. As No. 3.
22. Shrill sound.
26. For shame.
27. Famous novel.
28. Nibble.
32. Spanish author.
34. On pennies.
36. Circuit of the heavens.
37. Sailor.
40. Recover.
41. Source of Rockefeller wealth.
42. Scientific illustration.
43. Ciphers.
44. Puzzle.
45. For geographical reference.
46. Rib-stitch.
47. Fish harvest.
48. Christened.
49. Stays.
53. For boating.
55. West-country river.
56. Consume.
59. Artist.
61. Proceed.

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Bullet:—Her Name's Clara, But—

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Bullet:—Better Putting Instalments By.
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Bullet:—*And* To Work, Contented.

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What Is A Lover?—Partner In "Transport Combine."

Other Prize-winners will be found on page 38.

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LIKE THE PRINCE
HEARD IN THE HOUSE
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WHAT'S COMING
PATH TO PEACE
AT TWENTY-ONE
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ON HIS ACCOUNT
HER RIVAL
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MISTAKE WE MAKE
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NOT JUST YET
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DONE FOR
DESERVES A MEDAL
MAN'S MASTER
WITHOUT FATHER
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HONESTY
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